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TEMPE, Ariz. — Michael Booker was asked to identify the turning point in Nebraska's 62-24 victory against second-ranked Florida in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Booker smiled, which hardly set him apart from anyone else associated with Nebraska on the night of Jan. 2, 1996.

The Cornhuskers' players, coaches and fans were awash in those rare smiles that can only be elicited by winning back-to-back national championships.

"I'd like to think the turning point was my interception," Booker said.

To talk about a turning point in Nebraska's 38-point victory was a little like trying to keep the Cornhusker defense from harassing Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel. At best, such an outcome might produce a cliché such as:

"The turning point was when Nebraska showed up."

All things considered, however, Booker's interception, one of three by Nebraska, was as much a turning point as anything else. Nebraska had just been forced to "settle" for the first of two Kris Brown field goals after a first-and-goal at the Gators' 7-yard line. The kick had given the Cornhuskers a 25-10 lead late in the first half.

An Eastern newspaper reporter, who was sitting on the roof of the press box at Sun Devil Stadium because of the unprecedented number of requests for media credentials, used a boxing metaphor to describe the contest to that point. Florida, which trailed by 15 points, had taken the Cornhuskers' best punches and refused to go down, the reporter said.

He figured a two-touchdown deficit was insignificant for Florida's "fun-and-gun" offense. Plus, the Gators still had nearly four minutes remaining before halftime to close the gap.

In passing, the Eastern reporter mentioned that he had predicted a Florida victory.

After completing a pass to Ike Hilliard for a 7-yard gain on first down from his own 23, Wuerffel tried — without success — to hit Hilliard two more times. If Nebraska had not been drawn offsides on third down, Florida would have been forced to punt. Instead, the Gators got a first down.

It would have been better for the Gators if they had punted.

Wuerffel, who had thrown only 10 interceptions in 12 games, threw another pass in Hilliard's direction. The pass was "ugly," according to Booker, who was covering Hilliard one-on-one. "They came out there with a game plan to pick on me," said Booker, a junior cornerback from Oceanside, Calif. "Probably 70 percent of the passes came my way the first half."

During Florida's 12-play, 54-yard touchdown drive in the first quarter, Booker ran stride-for-stride with Hilliard and deflected a Wuerffel pass. His coverage was an example of textbook man-to-man.

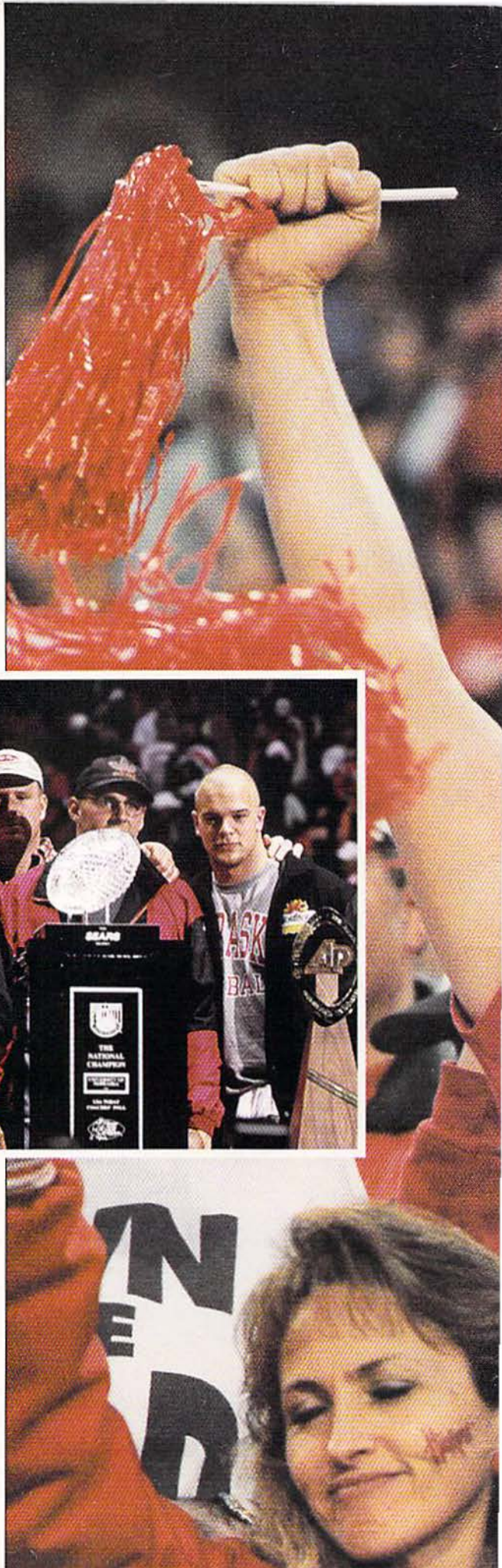
But Wuerffel challenged him again late in the second quarter. And again Booker responded, stepping in front of Hilliard

Bob Berry



**Nebraska became the first school to win consensus back-to-back national titles since the 1955-56 Sooners.**

John Mummet





A large crowd of Nebraska fans, mostly wearing red clothing, are cheering enthusiastically. In the foreground, a man in a red shirt with "Hank's" written on it has his mouth wide open in a shout and his arms raised. Next to him, a man with a beard and a red baseball cap looks on. To the right, another man in a white cap is smiling. The background is filled with more fans, some holding up red pom-poms.

# YES!

## Nebraska is FANtastic at the Fiesta Bowl

By MIKE BABCOCK



to intercept the poorly thrown pass. He then raced 42 yards for the score.

"I came off my man, looking all the way," Booker said.

Brown added the extra-point kick to boost the score to 32-10. A newspaper reporter from Tucson, Ariz., told the Eastern reporter that he also had predicted a Florida victory. *Oops.*

"I'm going to stop taking notes," the Tucson writer said. He didn't bother to write down Brown's second field goal, which capped the Cornhuskers' 29-point second quarter with just eight seconds left in the half.

For all intents and purposes, the Fiesta Bowl was over and the national championship was determined. The second half of what was promoted as the "Duel in the Desert" and attracted a record-crowd of 79,864 (a majority of

**Chris Doering (28) and Florida moved the ball early, but it was Lawrence Phillips (1) who got offensive, rushing 25 times for 165 yards and two scores. The junior I-back also had one catch for a 16-yard touchdown.**

it in red), served little purpose other than to provide a final score. The Bowl Alliance's much-anticipated matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 turned out to be no match at all.

"We got clobbered," Florida Coach Steve Spurrier said.

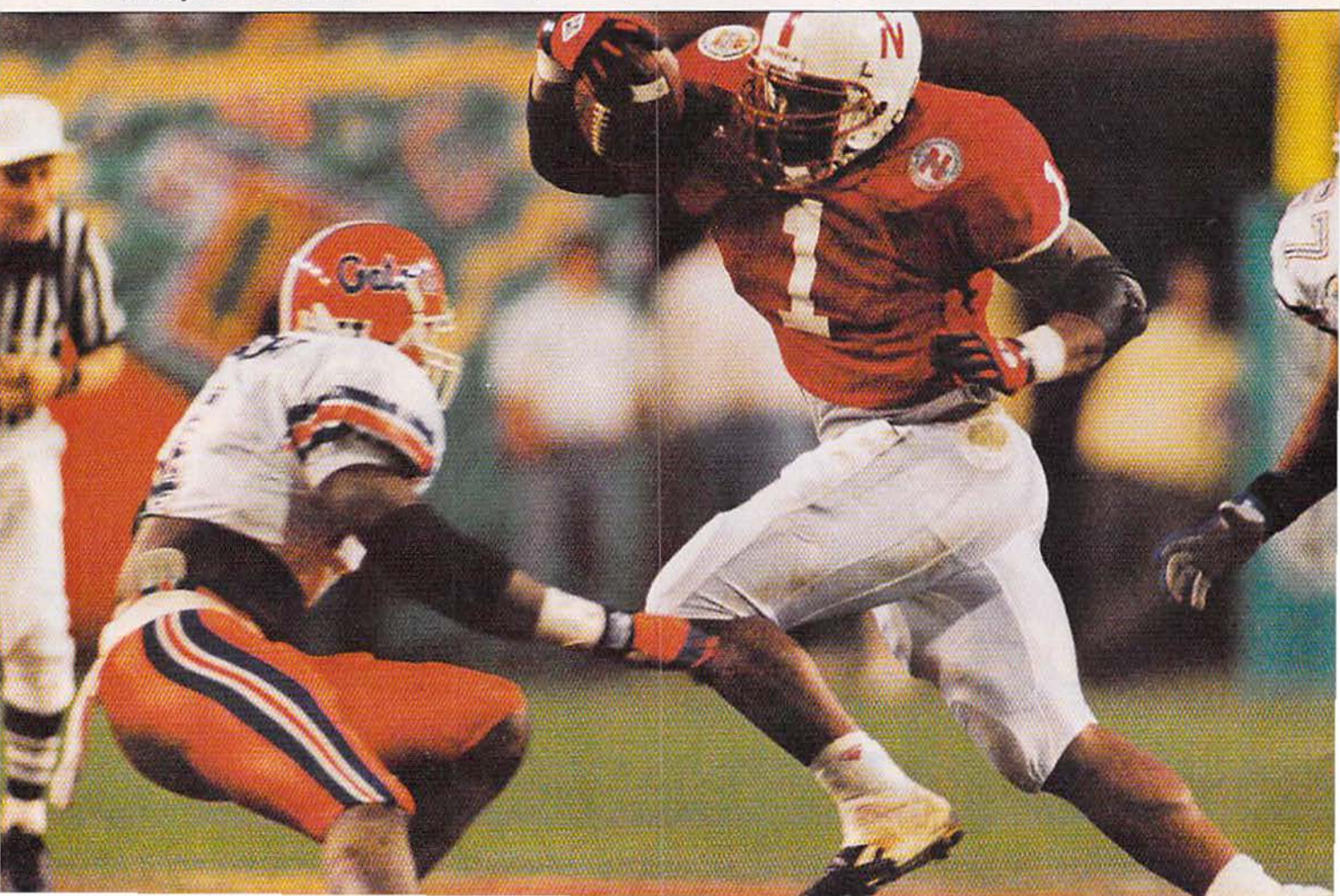
And he wasn't overstating. "I'm really embarrassed that we couldn't match up with Nebraska," he said. "They're too good for us. That's by

far the best team I think we've played in the six years I've been at Florida. They played harder, played smarter (and) just completely beat us every way you could."

For those who weren't convinced by the score, Spurrier reiterated: "Again, I don't have any answers. We don't have any answers. They're just too good for us. Give them credit. They're the champions."



John Mummet





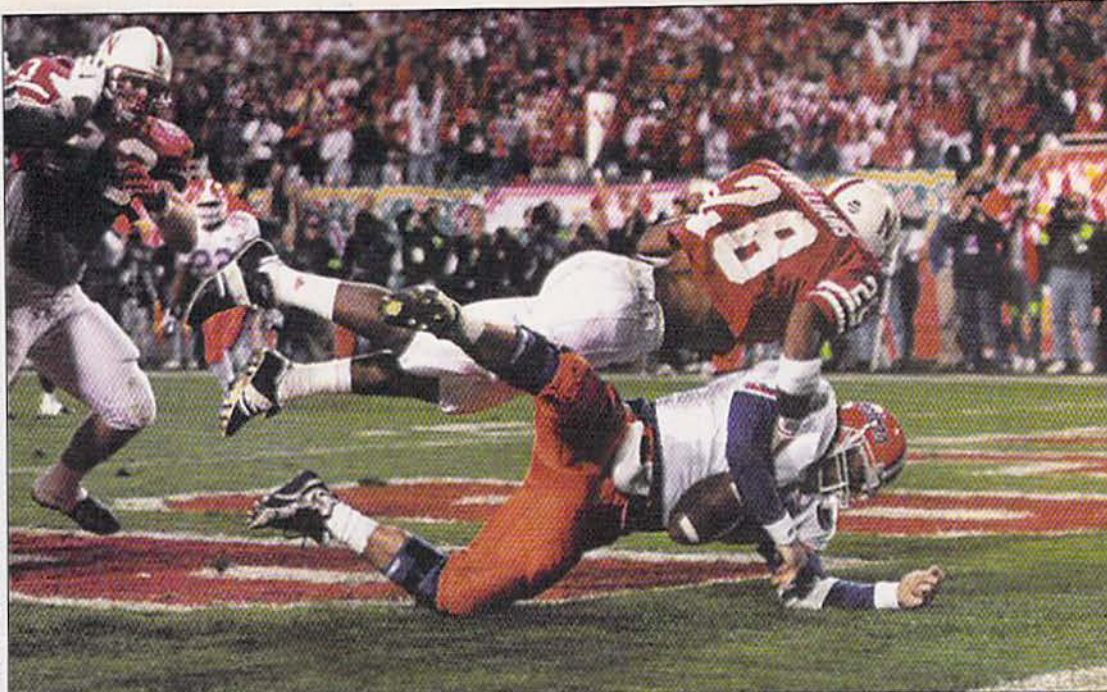
**Jamel Williams (28)** planted Gator quarterback Danny Wuerffel in his own end zone for a safety.

Voters in the Associated Press and CNN/USA Today polls made it official the next day, mirroring the 1971 season when Nebraska also earned a second consecutive national championship by unanimous vote.

Nebraska joins Oklahoma and Alabama as the only programs to win back-to-back national football championships twice since the AP initiated its rankings in 1936. The Sooners did it in 1955-56 and 1974-75. Alabama did it in 1964-65 and 1978-79.

Oklahoma was the last to go undefeated and untied in winning consecutive, consensus national titles in 1955-56.

The Fiesta Bowl victory was Nebraska's 25th win in a row, breaking the school record established by teams coached by Walter C. "Bummy" Booth from 1901 to 1904.



The victory was the Cornhuskers' 36th in three seasons, a modern NCAA record. Their only loss during that stretch was an 18-16 setback against Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl game.

If a last-second field goal attempt by Byron Bennett in that game had been successful, Nebraska would have an unprecedented three straight titles.

The Cornhuskers' three-year run has been remarkable. Aaron Graham, a senior center and co-captain, was asked to comment on the

**Florida saw a lot of Tommie Frazier's backside as he racked up 304 yards of total offense and was responsible for three touchdowns.**

accomplishment.

"Historical significance as a group? Well, I think we did a lot," he said. "I mean, it's just been a total team effort, and we just keep getting guys in here who like to compete and like to work hard."

The 1995 Cornhuskers were a team for the ages, embarrassing a Florida team that won a third consecutive Southeastern Conference championship and posted 12 consecutive victories. During the season, the Gators overwhelmed opponents in a fashion similar to Nebraska, averaging 44.5 points per game, third-best in the nation.

Even if they had scored their average, rounding it off to 45, they wouldn't have had enough to win



Bob Berry



Bob Berry





**The referees rained on Christian Peter's day when they called back his fumble return for a score, but it was Tom Osborne who finally got the victory Gatorade shower.**

the Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska buried them in points.

"It was 62 to something," Graham said, shaking his head in disbelief. "Then again, that's only a few more points than our average all year."

To be exact, the Cornhuskers averaged a nation-leading and school-record 52.4 points per game. The 62 points represented their fourth-highest total of the season.

"We all know offense gets us to the championship game and defense wins championships. But I don't know about today," said senior defensive tackle and co-captain Christian Peter. "Those offensive guys, I've never seen them play like this before. To put up 62 points against Florida is unbelievable."

How Nebraska accomplished the unbelievable was believable enough. The Cornhuskers ran over, and occasionally around, Florida for 524 of their 629 total yards. Not surprisingly, quarterback Tommie Frazier and I-back Lawrence Phillips accounted for a majority of the rushing yards.

The last post-season game that a Nebraska player rushed for 100 or more yards was the 1985 Sugar Bowl, a 28-10 victory over Louisiana State. In that game, Doug DuBose

gained 102 yards on 20 carries.

Phillips, who earned the start in the Fiesta Bowl, rushed for 165 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries. Frazier ran for 199 yards and two touchdowns on only 16 carries. In other words, Frazier averaged 12.4 yards per carry.

Frazier was extraordinary in his final game as a Cornhusker. If one

Then he passed to Phillips on a 16-yard backside screen that produced the first of eight Cornhusker touchdowns and turned a 3-0 deficit into a 6-3 lead. Osborne put in the play because of how he anticipated the defense to react.

"We crossed our fingers it would work," said Frazier, who was chosen as the game's outstanding offensive



player could make a difference in such a game, he was the one — a fact made apparent on Nebraska's first offensive series. The Cornhuskers lined up third-and-2 at the Florida 20. Frazier kept the ball and fought his way for four yards after he appeared to be stopped.

player by CBS television.

Booker was picked as the outstanding defensive player.

With the way Florida started the game, it appeared Nebraska might need 62 points to win. The Gators drove to a first-and-goal at the Cornhuskers' 5 on the game's first



series. But they couldn't get any closer and had to settle for a 23-yard field goal.

"We felt good about the first series," said Nebraska middle linebacker and co-captain Phil Ellis. Limiting Florida to a field goal, after the 11-play, 55-yard drive "was a big boost for the defense."

The Gators regained the lead with a 12-play, 54-yard touchdown drive late in the first quarter. But the game's parameters had been established by the second quarter.

Nebraska had already sacked Wuerffel once. "I think we had him flustered," Ellis said. "I was up there eye-to-eye with him. He was wide-eyed. That was good."

The impression left by the score might have been that the Cornhuskers simply overwhelmed Florida with offense. But the play of Nebraska's defense was just as impressive. "In the context that we were playing for the national championship, you would have to say it was one of the greatest defensive performances I've ever been associated with at Nebraska," said defensive coordinator Charlie McBride.

The Cornhuskers disguised defenses, mixed up coverages and blitzed. "They didn't know if we were coming or going," Ellis said.

Nebraska finished with seven sacks for 40 yards in losses, and two points when Jamel Williams pulled down Wuerffel in the Florida end zone for a safety early in the second quarter. On the play before, Terrell Farley tackled Wuerffel for what appeared to be a safety, but the officials ruled otherwise.

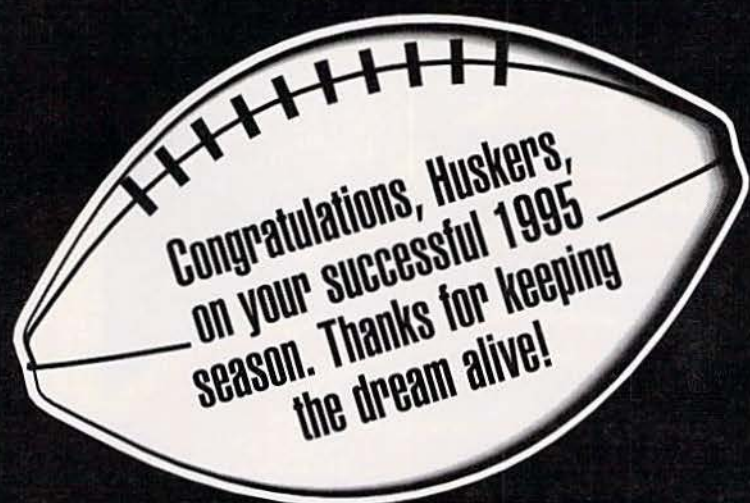
In that case, justice delayed was not justice denied.

Despite the 35-10 lead at halftime, Nebraska didn't relax. In the third game of the season, Florida had rallied from a 30-14 deficit during the first half to defeat Tennessee, 62-37. "We watched a lot of the Tennessee-Florida game (on film)," said Ellis. "We knew what we were up against."

The Cornhuskers didn't let up. They just kept rolling into college football's record and history books. Rarely, if ever, has there been a college football team like the 1995 version of Nebraska.

"We haven't gotten the respect we deserve these last couple of years," Christian Peter said. "I think finally this ought to wake a couple of people up."

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# STATISTICS VS. FLORIDA



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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	Final
NEBRASKA	6	29	14	13	— 62
FLORIDA	10	0	8	6	— 24

### TEAM STATS

	NEBRASKA	FLORIDA
First Downs	27	15
Rushing	21	2
Passing	4	12
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	68	21
Yards Gained Rushing	524	12
Yards Lost Rushing	0	-40
Net yards rushing	524	-28
Net yards passing	105	297
Passes attempted	15	38
Passes completed	6	20
Had intercepted	2	3
Total plays	83	59
Total net yards	629	269
Avg. gain per play	7.6	4.6
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-30	9-78
Punts-yards	1-36	4-165
Avg. per punt	36.0	41.3
Possession time	35:17	24:43

### DEFENSIVE STATS

NEBRASKA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Farley, T.	4	4	8	2	0	
Ellis, P.	3	3	6	0	0	
Minter, M.	4	1	5	0	0	
Wistrom, G.	3	2	5	1	0	
Booker, M.	3	1	4	0	1	
Foreman, J.	2	1	3	0	0	
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FLORIDA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Daniels, D.	4	8	12	0	0	
Wright, L.	2	7	9	0	0	
Brown, T.	3	6	9	0	1	
Banks, B.	4	5	9	0	0	
Lott, A.	4	2	6	0	1	

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING

NEBRASKA						
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
Frazier, T.	16	199	12.4	75	2	
Phillips, L.	25	165	6.6	42	2	
Green, A.	9	68	7.6	43	1	
Sims, J.	2	35	17.5	32	0	
Makovicka, Jeff	6	32	5.3	13	0	
Childs, C.	3	14	4.7	7	0	
Schuster, B.	1	4	4.0	4	0	
Makovicka, Joel	2	4	2.0	3	0	
Benning, D.	1	3	3.0	3	0	
Berringer, B.	1	1	1.0	1	1	
Legate, B.	1	1	1.0	1	0	
Turman, M.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0	

#### FLORIDA

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Williams, E.	6	6	1.0	3	0
Jackson, T.	4	4	1.0	3	0
Anthony, R.	2	-1	-0.5	3	0
Wuerffel, D.	9	-37	-4.1	2	1

#### PASSING

NEBRASKA					
Player	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
Frazier, T.	14	6	2	105	1
Phillips, L.	1	0	0	0	0

#### FLORIDA

Player	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD
Wuerffel, D.	31	17	3	255	1
Kresser, E.	7	3	0	42	0

#### RECEIVING

NEBRASKA						
Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD	
Johnson, C.	2	43	21.5	36	0	
Holbein, B.	1	33	33.0	33	0	
Phillips, L.	1	16	16.0	16	1	
Makovicka, Jeff	1	8	8.0	8	0	
Vedral, J.	1	5	5.0	5	0	

#### FLORIDA

Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Doering, C.	8	123	15.4	30	0
Hilliard, I.	6	100	16.6	35	1
Anthony, R.	2	40	20.0	26	0
Evans, J.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Jackson, T.	1	10	10.0	10	0
McGriff, T.	2	19	8.0	10	0

#### FIELD GOALS

NEBRASKA				
Player	Att	Made	Distance	
Brown	2	2	26, 24	

#### FLORIDA

Player	Att	Made	Distance
Edmiston, B.	1	1	23

### INSIDE THE NUMBERS

#### TOTAL OFFENSE

629

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#### NET RUSHING YARDS

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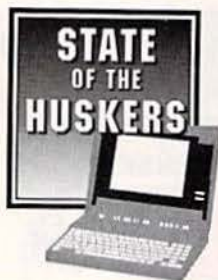
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# Frazier's Knockout

*Tommie Frazier provided the final blow in Florida's comeback hopes with a 75-yard run that left a wake of stunned Gators behind*

By MIKE BABCOCK

**B**y the time Tommie Frazier ran 75 yards for his second touchdown, the game had been decided. Nebraska was going to win its second consecutive national championship.

Only one second remained in the third quarter of the Cornhuskers' 62-24 victory over Florida in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl when Frazier broke free from the defense and ran along the west sideline of Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium.

Frazier's run was a thing of beauty. He left numerous would-be tacklers grasping at the desert air, or each other.

The official Fiesta Bowl play-by-play sheet credited him with breaking seven tackles in the first 20 yards of the run. "There were 11 of them," said Nebraska defensive tackle Christian Peter. "I counted them all."

If Peter's count had been accurate, then every Gator defender in the game at the time would have tried in vain to stop Nebraska's quarterback.

"I don't know how many guys (missed), or whether they were trying to take the ball," Frazier said. "They kept contacting me, but I kept my legs going. I felt them trying to take the ball. Next thing you know, I just came out the other end."

Frazier's run was the football equivalent of illusionist David Copperfield's making the Statue of Liberty disappear. You look, rub your eyes, look again and wonder how he did it. The only difference was, what Frazier did was no illusion.

"I think this points out the fact

that there's still a place in college football for a running quarterback," said Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne. A quarterback who runs as well as Frazier, anyway.

"He's a big, big factor," Nebraska middle linebacker Phil Ellis said of his senior teammate.

Ellis was discussing the merits of the Cornhuskers' option offense, and comparing it to Florida's passing attack, which has been described as

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that we're the best (offensively)."

During the 1995 season, Nebraska's offense was tops. Working in concert with an exceptional defensive performance, the Cornhusker option rolled through Florida for 629 yards, including 524 on the ground. Frazier accounted for 199 of those rushing yards on only 16 carries.

A little more than two minutes before the 75-yard run, he ran 35 yards for a touchdown on a quarterback draw. He went right through the heart of the Gator defense. Or, at least, what little heart was left by then.

"There was a point in time when they weren't flying around like they had been," Nebraska center Aaron Graham said. "In order to defend our offense, you've got to be flying up the field." Given the Cornhuskers' offensive diversity, however, "it's probably a no-win situation."

Frazier was a key to that diversity in the Fiesta Bowl game, just as he had been throughout his final season at Nebraska.

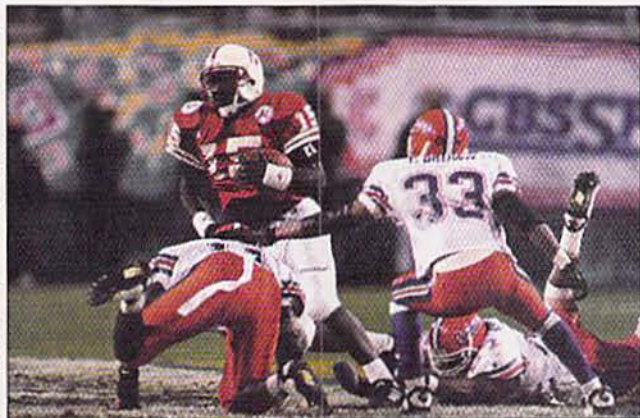
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Athletic Club of New York City might want to consider waiting until after the bowl games to award its Heisman Trophy to college football's best player.

Those who voted for Ohio State's Eddie George should have had second thoughts after watching Frazier play against Florida.

The best team, the national champion, is named after the bowls. The best player should be, too. Frazier did comparable things all season. While perhaps not always as spectacular as George, Frazier's results proved to be as good.



**Tommie Frazier broke at least seven tackles in the first 20 yards of his breathtaking 75-yard scoring scamper.**



college football's offense of the '90s. Those who blindly accept such a designation "might have to change their style," Ellis said.

"They haven't really caught on



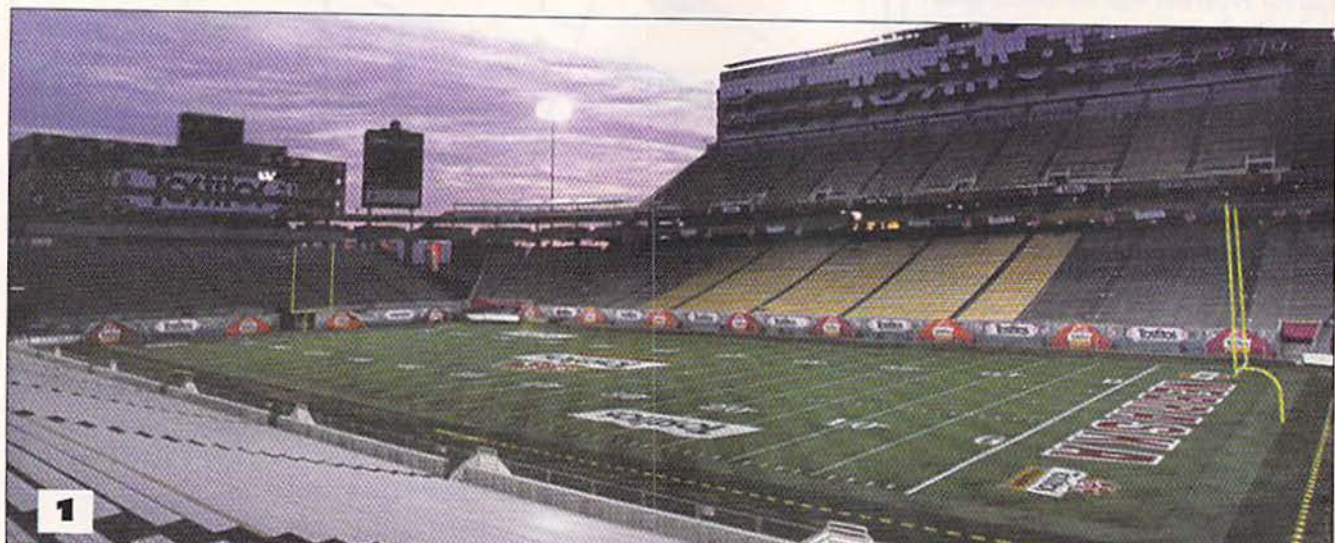
Their applause was genuine. ■

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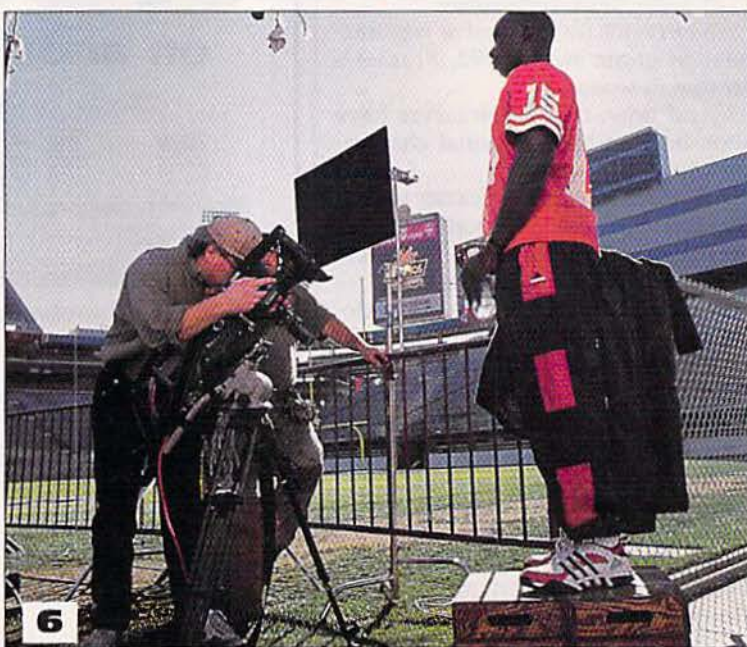
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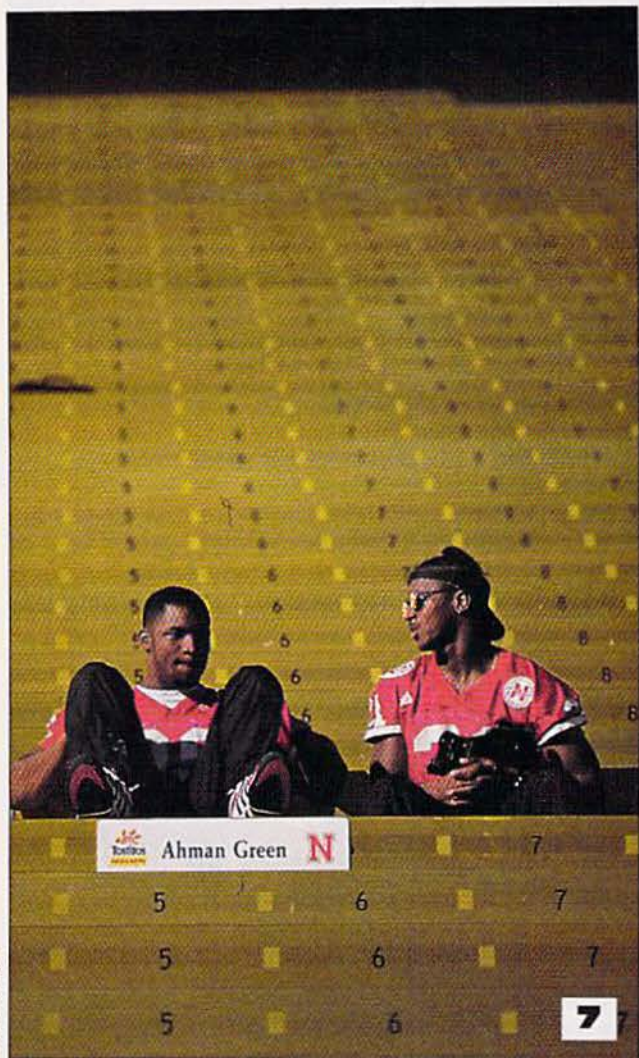


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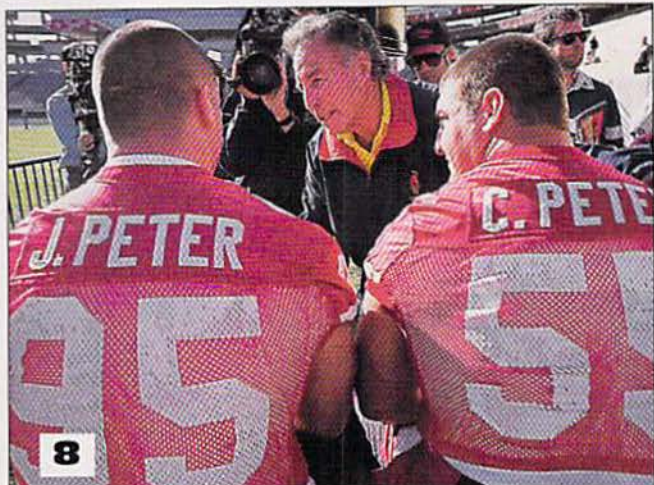
1: The sun sets on Sun Devil Stadium. Can you guess who the bowl sponsor was? 2: Media day was a sea of red as the Huskers showed up for interviews and photo opportunities. 3: Tom Osborne stood tall even before the Huskers won their second-consecutive national title. 4,5: Lawrence Phillips, the center of controversy following his reinstatement, once again found himself the focus of much of the media, including a one-on-one with CBS's Pat O'Brien. 6: Tommie Frazier was head and shoulders above nearly everyone at the Fiesta Bowl.



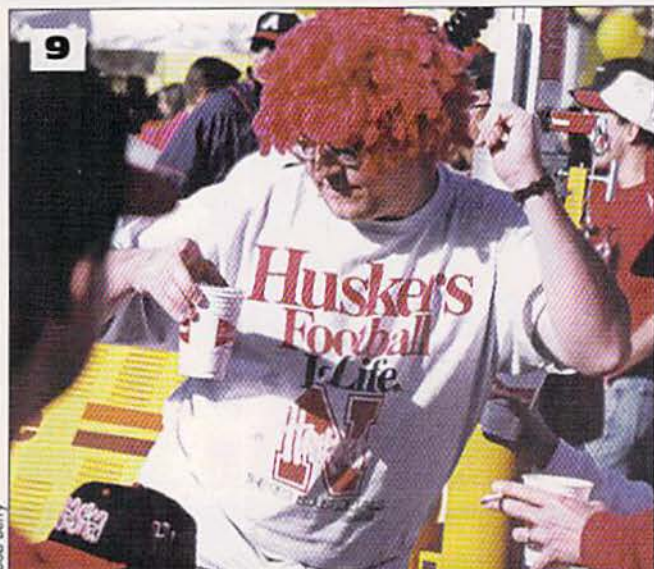
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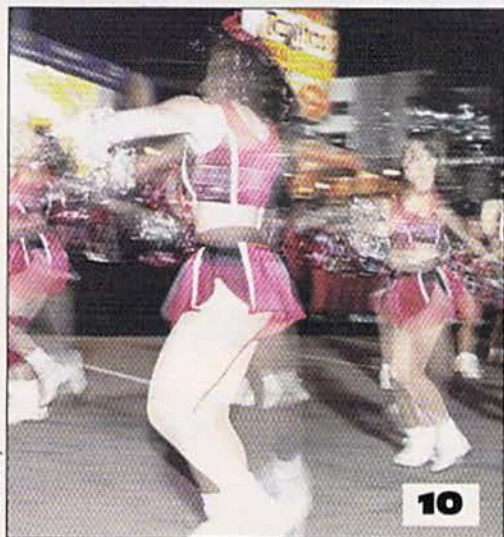
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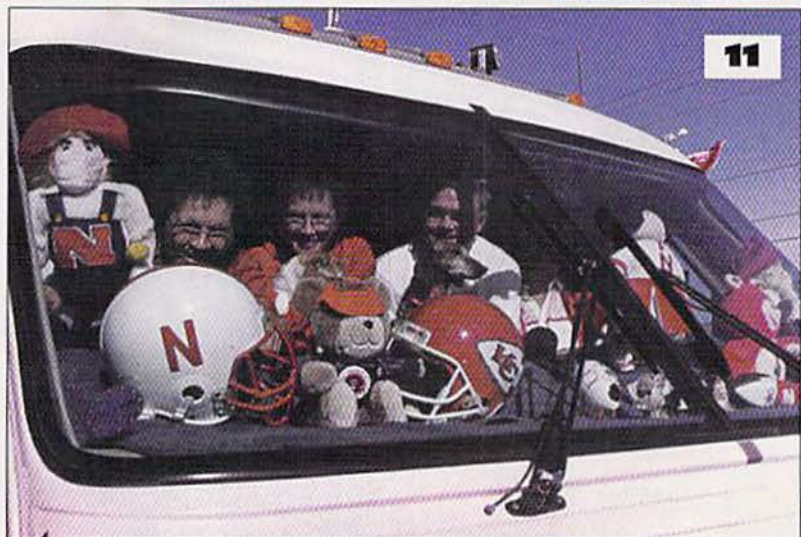
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7: Finding a seat was easier on media day than on January 2. 8: "Back-to-Back" took on a different meaning as ESPN's Lee Corso visits with defensive standouts Jason and Christian Peter. 9: Fans cut loose at a tailgate party that attracted approximately 15,000 on the day of the game. 10: Pregame pep rallies set the excitement in motion. 11: Husker fans, including the Soderberg family from Wakefield, Neb., traveled from all over to root for their favorite team.



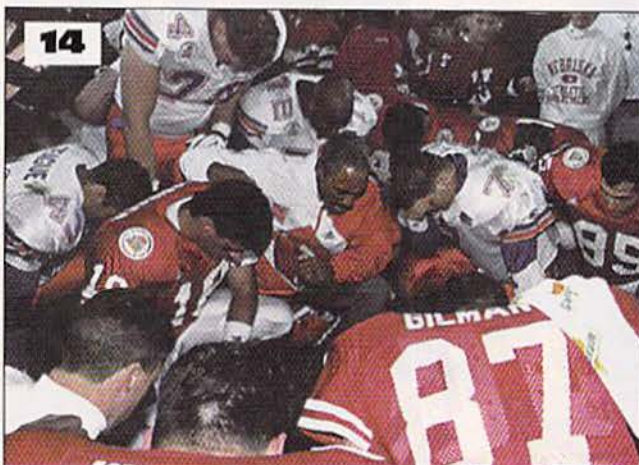


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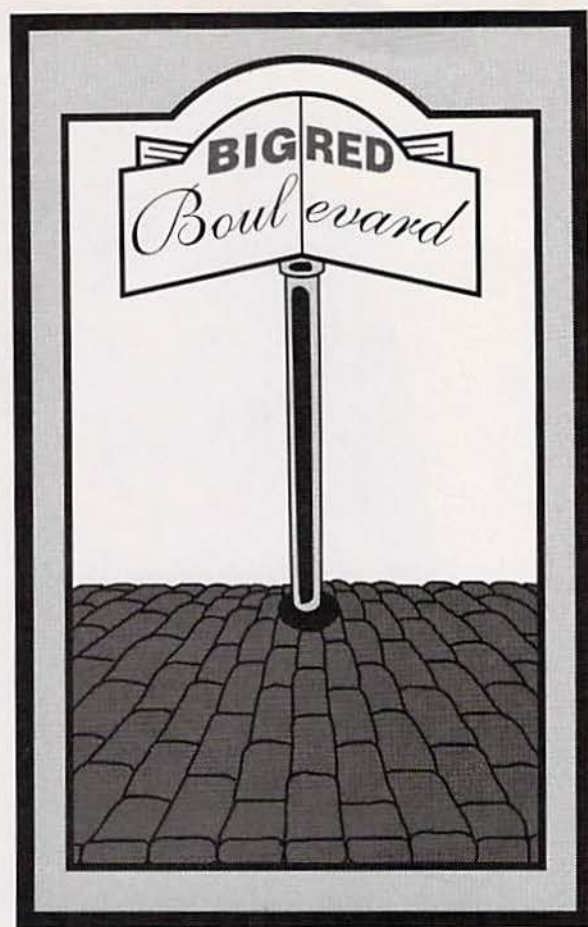


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12, 13: There was plenty to cheer about as the Huskers rolled up 62 points on the Florida Gators for the title. 14: Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown leads a group of players from both teams in a postgame prayer. 15: After a season of emotional ups and downs, Tom Osborne was able to relax once on the victor's stand. 16: Like last year, thousands poured into the Bob Devaney Center to welcome their champions back home once again.





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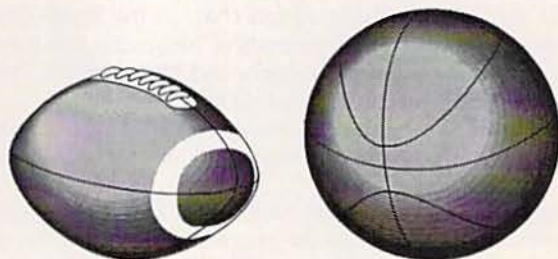


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# FRAZIER'S STORYBOOK CAREER COMES TO AN END

**T**ommie Frazier's gray T-shirt sagged under the weight of a half-dozen microphones clipped to it at the request of television reporters. He was preparing for a teleconference before he left for New York City to attend the Downtown Athletic Club's announcement of the Heisman Trophy winner.

Frazier sat, relaxed, in a padded chair in the South Stadium varsity lounge, beneath the portraits of Nebraska All-American football players like Johnny Rodgers and Mike Rozier. Frazier's portrait soon will hang on the wall of fame, as well.

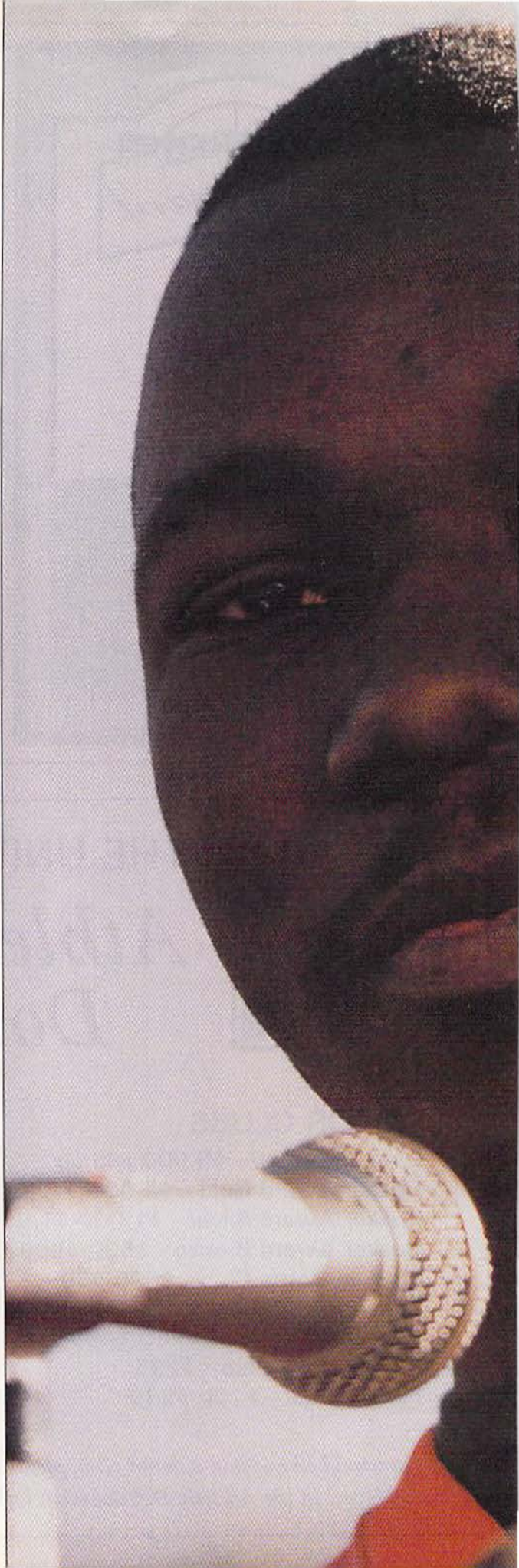
One of the reporters asked Frazier to begin counting to test the sound level. "In a foreign language," another added with a laugh.

During his four seasons at Nebraska, Frazier developed a reputation for being able to do just about anything he set his mind to — or was required to — off the field as well as on.

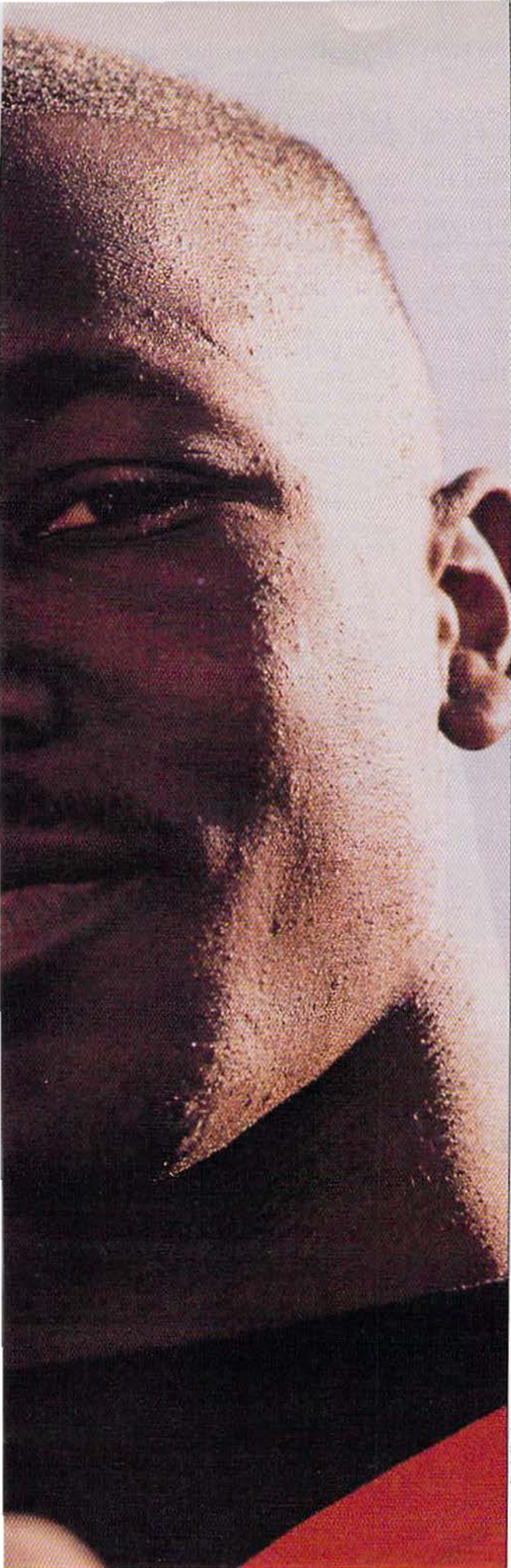
"Which one?" Frazier replied with a smile. Clearly, he was at ease in the spotlight.

Frazier was that way when he arrived in the fall of 1992 after being selected as the *All-USA Today* quarterback following his senior season at Manatee High School in Bradenton, Fla. He was confident, but in a quiet and reserved way.

After he became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for coach Tom Osborne in the sixth game of the 1992 season, Frazier declined requests for post-game interviews. He







had played all but one series and scored three touchdowns in a 34-24 victory at Missouri, a remarkable performance for a veteran quarterback, much less a freshman in his first start. But Frazier wanted the focus to be on his teammates. That was only right.

Four years and considerable individual success later, Frazier maintains the same attitude. He was asked during the teleconference what he would remember most about his career as a Cornhusker. "The success we had as a team," he said. "All the honors I've won have come because of my teammates."

The remarkable success Nebraska has enjoyed during Frazier's four seasons has been the result of many factors, some more obvious than others. But his imprint on that success is unmistakable. Even Osborne, whose emphasis on team is well-documented, has acknowledged as much.

"I don't want to give the impression this is a one-man program in the last four years. But I would say if I were to choose one player who has had the most impact on the outcome of the

**“... I WOULD SAY IF I WERE TO CHOOSE ONE PLAYER WHO HAS HAD THE MOST IMPACT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE GREATEST NUMBER OF GAMES OVER THE LONGEST PERIOD OF TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN AT NEBRASKA, IT WOULD BE TOMMIE FRAZIER.”**

**— TOM OSBORNE**



Frazier was named the Fiesta Bowl Offensive MVP, marking the third-consecutive year he has won the award in a bowl game.

greatest number of games over the longest period of time since I've been at Nebraska, it would be Tommie Frazier," Osborne said.

Osborne has been at Nebraska for 34 seasons, the last 23 as head coach. Frazier "can do so many things to affect the outcome of a game. It might be a run. It might be a pass. It might be a decision. He's a great competitor," Osborne said. "One way or another, he'll figure out a way to get it done."

Frazier has succeeded Turner Gill, his position coach, as the standard by which Cornhusker quarterbacks are measured, a distinction that seems to make him uncomfortable.

"The next 'Tommie Frazier?' They're going to be whoever they are," he said of future Nebraska quarterbacks. "They'll



want to go out and make a name for themselves." Just as he did.

Frazier didn't accept the Cornhuskers' scholarship offer in order to become the next Turner Gill. "I felt I could get the most out of my ability by coming to Nebraska," he said. "I had to go somewhere I could do both (run and pass) instead of just one or the other."

Frazier's skills were unique. And so was his presence, a difficult-to-determine quality that separates great quarterbacks from good ones, according to Gill. "We ask an awful lot of our quarterbacks," said Gill, a

three-time, first-team All-Big Eight selection at Nebraska from 1981 through 1983.

"We're pretty exacting because we're reading the entire defense, all 11 guys. Most people will read the secondary, but we also read the defensive fronts. We're asking our quarterbacks to read defenses, run the option, and pass. No other team in the country, that I can think of, asks their quarterback to do all that. I might be wrong, but I think most quarterbacks have to do only two of the three."

The considerable learning

required of a quarterback takes time. Gill didn't become the Cornhusker starter until the fifth game of his sophomore season. He played on the junior varsity his first fall.

"I talked to Turner (about moving up to the varsity) at about the middle of his freshman year," Osborne said. "He told me he wasn't ready. But I think he really only played quarterback one year in high school, while Frazier had started for some time. Tommie probably played 45 games (as the starter) in high school." By the sixth game of his freshman year at Nebraska, "he felt he was ready."

Frazier's athletic skills were immediately apparent. "But you never know how well a guy is going to pick things up," Osborne said. "Tommie probably picked up things quicker than anybody we've ever had. He was exceptional."

Brook Berringer, who emerged from Frazier's considerable shadow last season, needed three years to get comfortable with the Cornhuskers' offense, according to Gill.

"Tommie was able to do it right away," he said. "That's what's unbelievable about him. He could do it as a freshman."

Frazier rewrote the quarterbacks' section of Nebraska's record book, playing the equivalent of three full seasons. He started the last seven games, including the Orange Bowl, as a freshman; every game as a sophomore; only five games as a junior, including the Orange Bowl, because of his blood-clot problems; and every game this season. His record as a starter was 33-3. Only one collegiate quarterback, Alabama's Jay Barker, has had a better record.

Frazier established school records for total offense, (5,476 yards) and touchdowns accounted for (36 rushing and 43 passing). He finished second to Steve Taylor in career rushing yards by a quarterback with 1,955, and he ranked third in career passing yards with 3,521. Only David Humm (5,035) and Jerry Tagge (4,704) passed for more.

Nebraska lost only two regular-season games during his four seasons, and he didn't play in one of those games. And, of course, he led the Cornhuskers to back-to-back national championships to match Tagge.

His Cornhusker career has been "storybook," said Frazier, who told the *Omaha World-Herald* recently that he has seriously considered trying

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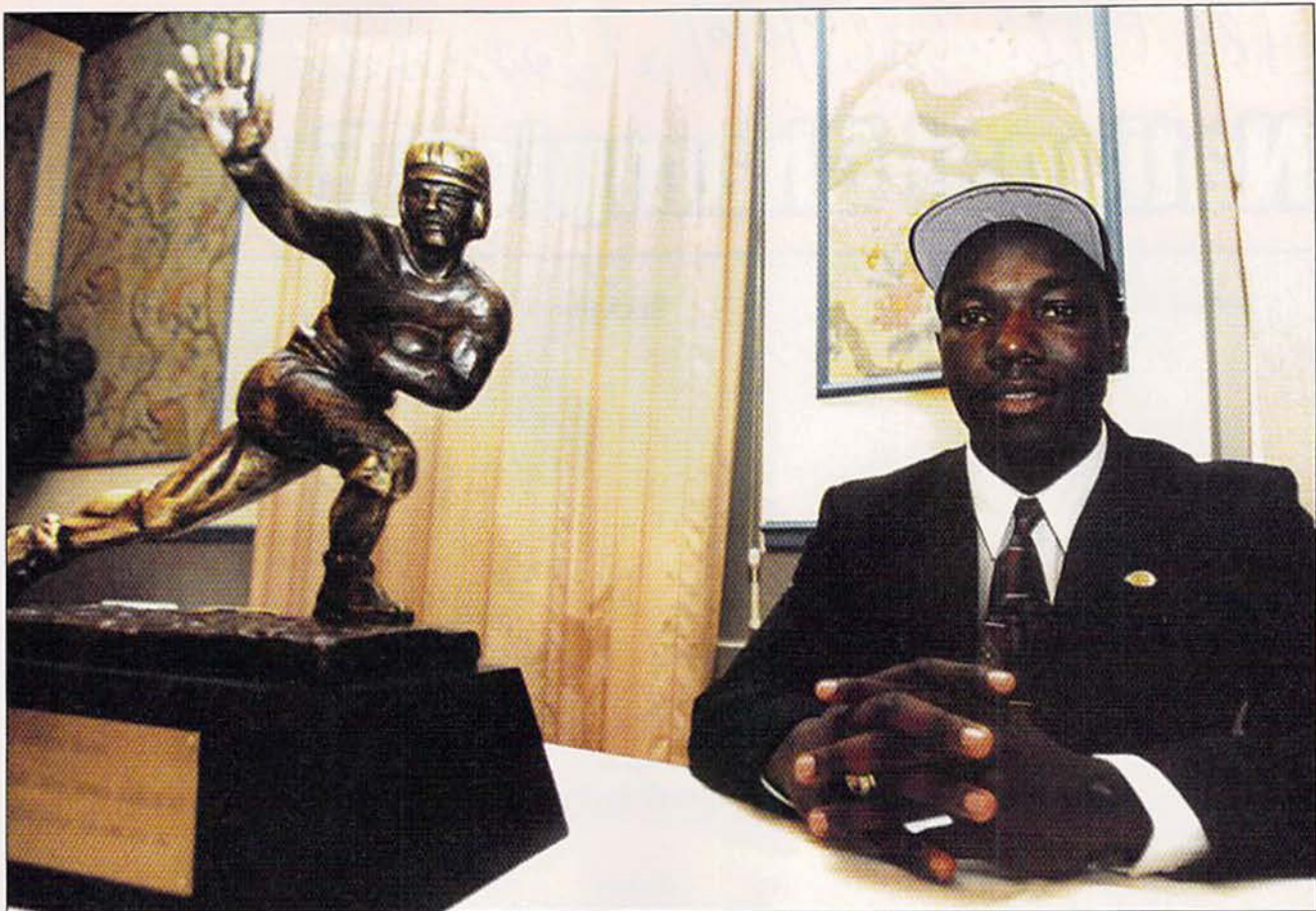
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**Frazier received long-deserved national recognition as a senior, finishing second to Ohio State's Eddie George in the Heisman Trophy balloting.**

out for the Nebraska baseball team this spring.

"It's an option I'm considering. I like playing baseball a lot," he told the *World-Herald*. "A lot of people don't know that about me. I talked to coach (John Sanders) earlier this season."

Frazier played center field as a sophomore in high school. Sanders said he would happily give Frazier an opportunity to make the team if he was interested in trying. Gill was among those who came to Nebraska on football scholarships and eventually played for the baseball team. Mark Mauer, who stepped in at quarterback when Gill was sidelined in 1981, was another.

If Frazier doesn't play baseball, his Cornhusker career will be at an end. All that will remain is completing a degree in communications studies. Frazier is on schedule to graduate in May.

That's remarkable in itself, not because he will be getting a degree but because he will have earned it in four years at a time when most student-athletes spend four-and-a-half

or five years. Frazier's commitment off the field has equaled his commitment on it.

In response to a hypothetical question about whether he would rather get a college degree or earn the Heisman Trophy, he said: "The Heisman is just a trophy, but my degree I can use for the rest of my life. It will stay with me and help me make a living. You aren't going to make a living by winning the Heisman Trophy."

Besides, he promised his mom, Priscilla, he would graduate.

Former Colorado quarterback Kordell Stewart's success with the Pittsburgh Steelers has been cited as evidence that Frazier might have a future in the National Football League. Option quarterbacks have rarely succeeded in the NFL without switching positions. Charlie Ward, the Heisman Trophy winner at Florida State in 1993, is playing in the NBA.

"The NFL? Who's to say? If it happens, it happens," Frazier said.

"If a team wants to take a chance on me, they will."

And he'll consider an offer whether it comes from an NFL team or from one in the Canadian Football League, which would seem to be more suited to his unique skills as a

quarterback.

"I'm not going to limit my options," he said. "The Canadian League? Any league that wants me is an option."

Before he ran onto the field at Memorial Stadium after being introduced prior to his final home game against Oklahoma, Frazier hugged Osborne. "He told me it was a pleasure to have me play here for four years, and I told him it was a pleasure playing for him," said Frazier. "I wish it didn't have to come to an end."

Nebraska coaches and fans feel the same way.

The Cornhuskers have never had a quarterback like Frazier. He stands alone by any standard you want to apply.

"I'm happy with the decision I made four years ago," Frazier said. "If I had to do it over, I'd do the same thing. I just want to be known as a quarterback who came to Nebraska and did well. Individually, I don't care what legacy I leave here."

Figuratively speaking, at least, Frazier will never leave Nebraska. "I'm a Husker and I'll always be a Husker," he said. "Wherever I am, I'll always have room for Nebraska."

The feeling is mutual. ■

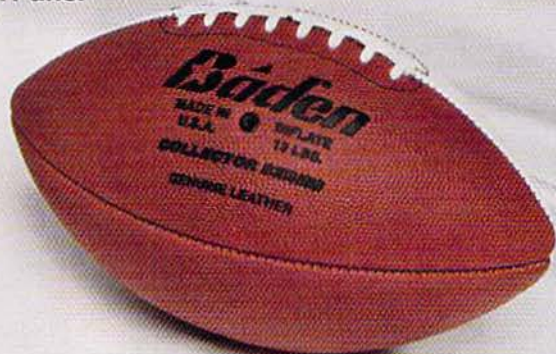


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GAME 1 • August 31, 1995 • Attendance: 42,100 • Lewis Field • Stillwater, Okla.

## OSU Suffers Slow Death In 43-Point Loss

George Darlington offered a succinct summation of Nebraska's season-opening victory against Oklahoma State during a post-game radio interview.

"It was hot and muggy, and we're pretty good," he said.

Other than the final score, 64-21, little else needed to be noted. "We overwhelmed 'em from the get-go," said Darlington, Nebraska's veteran defensive backs coach.

That was expected, of course. The Cornhuskers traveled to Stillwater, Okla., with a No. 2 pre-season ranking in the Associated Press poll and enough firepower to be a 26-point favorite against an Oklahoma State team with a new head coach and several new players, including four freshman starters.

The game was scripted to be a blowout, which is what Nebraska gave a Lewis Stadium crowd of 42,100 (that included an estimated 4,000 Nebraskans) and a national television audience on ESPN. The stands had emptied by the fourth quarter. And it's likely all but the most dedicated fans who watched on television had begun channel surfing before James Sims, the Cornhuskers' No. 3 I-back, finished the scoring by running 5 yards for a touchdown with 7:02 remaining.

The adrenaline and enthusiasm of a new season carried Oklahoma State for less than nine minutes. With 6:20 left in the first quarter, Lawrence Phillips opened the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown run. Nebraska's Heisman Trophy candidate I-back would score two more touchdowns in the second quarter and be given the rest of the night off three carries into the second half.

Cornhusker quarterback Tommie Frazier, who also is being promoted for the Heisman Trophy, performed in what has become typical fashion,

carrying 10 times for 64 yards and one touchdown and completing 6-of-10 passes for 120 yards and two scores.

The first touchdown pass play, to split end Reggie Baul, covered 76 yards. The second, to wingback Jon Vedral, went only 5 yards.

The remaining points all were scored by newcomers: Ahman Green, Terrell Farley and Kris Brown. Green, a freshman I-back from Omaha, made his debut by running 14 yards for a touchdown. Farley, a linebacker who transferred from Independence, Kan., Community College, intercepted a pass and returned it 29 yards for Nebraska's second touchdown. And Brown, a freshman from Southlake, Texas, kicked a 24-yard field goal and seven extra points.

There was little in which Cornhusker fans could have found fault during Nebraska's first defense of its national championship. The Cornhuskers did have some minor problems early. Phillips lost a fumble on his second carry. Tyrone Williams muffed a punt. Baul, wide-open, stumbled and couldn't quite reach a pass from Frazier. And Brown pulled his first collegiate extra-point kick wide to the left.

But those mistakes did little more than delay the inevitable. The Cornhuskers scored 30 points in the second quarter to eliminate any chance of an Oklahoma State upset. "Overall, the execution was good," Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne said.

Nebraska's defense, which included six first-time starters, took

control in the first series. On first down, Oklahoma State quarterback Tone Jones threw an incomplete pass. On second down, David Thompson was dropped for a 4-yard loss by Jay Foreman, a redshirted freshman. And on third down, Jones



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**The 64-21 blowout allowed the Husker bench to clear and highly-touted freshman I-back Ahman Green (30) the chance to score his first collegiate touchdown on this 14-yard scamper.**





was sacked for an 11-yard loss by Jared Tomich. "We came out and stuck it to them," said Tomich, a junior outside linebacker from St. John, Ind.

Tomich made four tackles, including two for losses totaling 22 yards, and deflected two passes.

Farley, who blocked 15 kicks in junior college, stepped in front of a Jones pass early in the second quarter and sprinted 29 yards to score. The Cornhuskers played "OK," Farley said. Such understatement was commonplace.

"We've had some tough games down here. It went a little easier than I thought it would," said Osborne, who used all 66 players who made the trip. Nebraska was granted permission by the Big Eight Conference to increase its travel roster by six for the game because of the potential for heat and high humidity. The temperature at game time was 99 degrees.

Nebraska used numerous newcomers, among them Foreman, Farley, Green, Brown, Michael Rucker, Joel Makovicka, Sheldon Jackson, Kenny Cheatham, Chad Kelsay, Eric Warfield and Mike Fullman, a transfer from Rutgers University by way of junior college. Kelsay, an outside linebacker from Auburn, Neb., is a true freshman along with Green and Brown.

Nebraska's defense was nearly impenetrable and had only one serious breakdown. That occurred in the second quarter, on a third-and-10 from the Oklahoma State 20-yard line, when tailback David Thompson went off his left guard and raced 79 yards to the Cornhusker 1-yard line.

**Chris Dishman (75) and the offensive line found plenty of pancakes while the Black Shirts feasted on the Pokes' running attack.**

Even then, Oklahoma State needed two plays to score, on Andre Richardson's run.

Nebraska originally was scheduled to play at Oklahoma State on Oct. 7. But the Cornhuskers agreed to switch the game not only to accommodate ESPN but also to gain experience before playing at Michigan State. It marked the first time Nebraska has opened a season with a conference game since 1948. Big Eight teams haven't opened against each other since 1961.

"It was kind of a gamble playing this game," said Osborne.

Because Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons is new, Nebraska was "flying blind. We looked at a lot of Colorado defense (on film)" because Simmons came from Colorado. "Mostly we worked on the right things," Osborne said.

During his weekly news conference on the Monday before the Oklahoma State game, Osborne discussed his team's chances of repeating as national champion. The Cornhuskers are "as capable as anybody out there," he said. "Somebody has to win the national championship. It might as well be us." However, "saying it and doing it are two different things.

"Most people in Nebraska probably have it a little out of kilter how easy it could be. It's going to be very difficult, but I don't want the players thinking they can't do it. I want them to believe they can and to expect to do it," he said.

The victory against Oklahoma State was a good way to begin. ■

## STATISTICS VS. OKLAHOMA STATE

	NU	OSU
First Downs	28	14
Rushing	23	5
Passing	5	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	55	38
Yards Gained	517	189
Yards Lost	4	45
Net Yards Rushing	513	144
Net Yards Passing	158	138
Passes Attempted	20	27
Passes Completed	12	11
Had Intercepted	1	3
Total Plays	75	65
Total Net Yards	671	282
Avg. Gain Per Play	8.9	4.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/55	5/33
Punts/Yards	1/53	7/304
Avg. Per Punt	53.0	43.4
Possession Time	29:55	30:05
Third-Down Conversions	8-11	5-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-1
Sacks By/Yards	4-35	0-0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	6	30	14	14	64
Oklahoma St.	0	7	7	7	21

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Phillips	12	156	3	153	3	80
Frazier	10	65	1	64	1	19
Benning	8	62	0	62	0	15
Makovicka, Joel	6	55	0	55	0	39
Green	6	52	0	52	1	18
Makovicka, Jeff	4	46	0	46	0	33
Sims	4	34	0	34	1	17
Schuster	3	23	0	23	0	20
Oklahoma St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Thompson	16	133	5	128	1	79
Richardson, A.	10	22	3	19	1	9
Grenier	2	0	1	-1	0	0
Jones, T.	10	34	36	-2	0	25

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	10-6-0			120	2	76
Berringer	8-5-0			31	0	9
Turman	2-1-1			7	0	7
Oklahoma St.	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Jones, T.	27-11-3			138	1	23

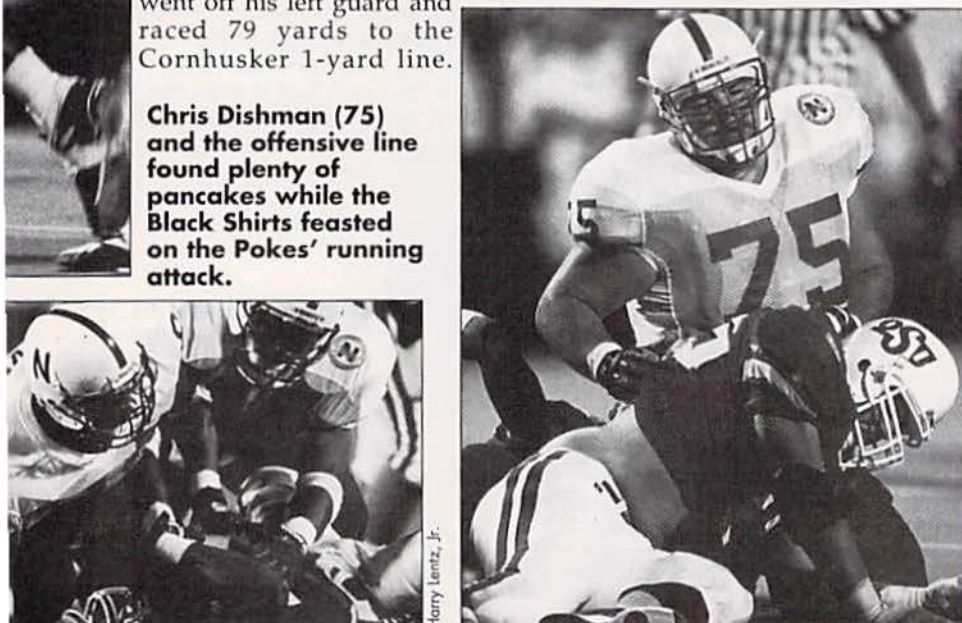
RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Gilman	3	31	10.3	0	12	
Holbein	3	21	7.0	0	9	
Baul	1	76	76.0	1	76	
Johnson	1	9	9.0	0	9	
Phillips	1	7	7.0	0	7	
Lake	1	7	7.0	0	7	
Vedral	1	5	5.0	1	5	
Cheatham	1	2	2.0	0	2	
Oklahoma St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Mayes	4	72	18.0	0	23	
Richardson, A.	2	20	10.0	0	10	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Williams, T.	2	15	7.5	0	12	
Baul	2	4	2.0	0	4	
Fullman	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Oklahoma St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Richardson, A.	1	-6	-6.0	0	0	

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Cheatham	1	33	33.0	0	33	
Oklahoma St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
McQuarters	6	141	23.5	0	35	

FIELD GOALS			
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng
Brown	2	1	24

DEFENSE									
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks		
Hesse	4	5	9	2-2	0	0	0		
Stokes	2	4	6	0-0	0	0	0		
McFarlin	4	2	6	0-0	0	0	0		
Rucker	1	4	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Foreman	1	3	4	1-4	0	0	0		
Peter, C.	0	4	4	0-0	0	0	0		
Penland, A.	1	3	4	1-1	0	0	0		
Tomich	3	1	4	2-22	0	2	0		
Ellis	2	2	4	2-5	0	1	0		
Wistrom	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Saltsman	2	1	3	1-9	0	1	0		
Dennis	1	1	2	0-0	1	0	0		
Farley	2	0	2	0-0	1	0	0		
Ogord	1	0	1	0-0	1	0	0		



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# NEBRASKA 50 *Cornhuskers* MICHIGAN STATE 10 *Spartans*



GAME 2 • September 9, 1995 • Attendance: 73,891 • Spartan Stadium • East Lansing, Mich.

## Huskers Pass First Real Test Downing MSU, 50-10

Nebraska won, 50-10.

And Bob Devaney looked on.

That's as it should have been at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich., last Saturday afternoon. It was an appropriate homecoming for the man who resurrected Cornhusker football.

Devaney was Michigan State's gift to Nebraska, you might say. After Bill Jennings was fired as coach in 1961, Nebraska Chancellor Clifford Hardin asked Michigan State coach Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty if he would be interested in coaching the Cornhuskers. Hardin had been a professor at Michigan State and knew Daugherty well.

Daugherty declined, suggesting Nebraska contact Devaney, one of his former assistants who had become the head coach at Wyoming. Devaney, a native of Saginaw, Mich., had nearly given up coaching, despite a successful career at the high school level, when Spartan coach Clarence "Biggie" Munn hired him at Michigan State.

Devaney spent one season with Daugherty as Munn's assistant and remained on staff when Daugherty was promoted to replace Munn. Hardin passed along Daugherty's recommendation to Cornhusker athletic director Tippy Dye, who subsequently hired Devaney. The rest is history.

At age 80, and after suffering a mild stroke last spring, Devaney isn't as spry as he once was. But he and his wife, Phyllis, made the trip to East Lansing and watched second-ranked Nebraska post its 27th consecutive regular-season victory.

If you're wondering why this bit of history precedes a recap of Nebraska's victory against Michigan State, it's because there just wasn't a lot of suspense in the game, even



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though quarterback Tommie Frazier was injured and didn't play from early in the second quarter on. More about Frazier later.

The Cornhuskers sputtered some early, but once they settled down, they were too much for Michigan State to handle. "I didn't think we'd win real easily," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I thought it was likely to go into the fourth quarter, out of respect for Michigan State."

Nick Saban, the Spartans' first-year head coach, has "a good football

**Chad Kelsay (57) and the Black Shirts set the tempo early pounding quarterback Tony Banks (below), but it was the Husker ground game and Jeff Makovicka (22) which danced through the Spartan defense for 552 rushing yards.**



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team," said Osborne. "I don't think they'll win the Big Ten, but I think they'll be good." Or at least better than Nebraska made them seem.

The Cornhuskers overwhelmed Michigan State with a 30-point second half that had Saban

questioning the resolve of some of



his players.

"The most disappointing thing to me, and giving Nebraska all the credit in the world for the quality of their program, their players, their coaches, I was disappointed in the way we competed as a team in the second half," he said. "I have really never seen big plays that were given up that did not look to me from the sideline that a lot of effort was being given. So to put it bluntly guys, I felt that our players quit."

Syntax aside, Saban should have considered the standard by which he was evaluating his Spartans. Nebraska is not a team with which to trifle, or give too many opportunities.

Osborne, who isn't one to look past any opponent, was particularly concerned about Michigan State because of Saban, who was defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns last season. As a result, the Cornhuskers were uncertain exactly how to prepare for the Spartans. Nebraska studied film of the Browns' defense and Virginia Tech's offense (Saban's offensive coordinator was from Virginia Tech) and hoped for the best.

"We were fairly well-prepared for what we saw," Osborne said. "We guessed pretty well."

The statistics supported Osborne's observation. Nebraska gained 666 total yards, picking up an average of 9.3 yards each snap. The Huskers rushed for 552 of those yards. "I didn't think we threw as well as we could, or will," said Osborne.

Nebraska completed only 7-of-14 passes for 114 yards. Michigan State's Tony Banks passed for 290 yards and the lone touchdown, completing 21-of-35. But he was sacked three times and intercepted once.

Picking Lawrence Phillips as the Player of the Game was a no-brainer. He rushed for 206 yards and four touchdowns on only 22 carries. He watched the fourth quarter and much of the third from the sideline, while Clinton Childs, Ahman Green and James Sims showed why Nebraska's I-back depth is the envy of other coaches.

Childs, who didn't make the Oklahoma State trip, was the Cornhuskers' No. 2 I-back against Michigan State, stepping in for Damon Benning, who was injured and didn't travel to East Lansing. Childs carried eight times for 85 yards and returned a kickoff 40 yards.

Green carried only four times, going 57 yards for a touchdown on the second carry to finish with 74 yards. A Michigan State defender had a shot at stopping him near the Spartan 40-yard line but lost a brief grasp of the back of Green's shoulder pads.

The play was a "41 pitch," said Green, whose assignment was to "get outside as fast as I can. When I got to the sideline, I was just looking at the end zone. When the dude grabbed me, (I thought): 'I'm not going out of bounds.'" And he didn't.

Sims, a walkon who has run the 40-yard dash in a team-best 4.41 seconds, used that speed on an 80-yard sprint to a touchdown to complete the scoring with 8:23 left in the game.

Phillips' four touchdowns came on three 1-yard runs and a 50 yard scamper. The 200-yard rushing performance was the second of his Cornhusker career. He ran for 221 yards against Oklahoma State last season. Saturday's 206 yards moved Phillips into sixth place on Nebraska's career rushing list.

Frazier watched most of the game from the sideline after suffering a deep thigh bruise on the first possession of the second quarter. Brook Berringer came on to direct the offense.

Frazier's injury was painful, but he probably could have returned to the game and "handed off" if Berringer had been injured, Osborne said.

Among the Cornhuskers' many bright spots was the kicking of true freshman Kris Brown. He kicked field goals of 22, 47 and 20 yards making him perfect on the season at 4-for-4.

Nebraska's defense limited Michigan State to 45 yards rushing, which added to Banks' problems. Once it was apparent the Spartans couldn't run the ball, the Nebraska defenders went after Banks.

Junior college transfer Terrell Farley sacked him twice, Jared Tomich and Phil Ellis got to him once and rover Mike Minter picked off one of his 35 passes.

Everyone got into the act. As was the case at Oklahoma State, all 66 players on the travel roster got in.

Osborne seemed satisfied, but he wasn't profuse in his praise. "There were more penalties and more execution problems," he said. "But you certainly can't fault the production."

You know Devaney enjoyed it. ■

## STATISTICS VS. MICHIGAN STATE

	NU	MSU
First Downs	28	17
Rushing	21	2
Passing	3	12
Penalty	4	3
Rushing Attempts	58	34
Yards Gained	567	82
Yards Lost	15	37
Net Yards Rushing	552	45
Net Yards Passing	114	290
Passes Attempted	14	35
Passes Completed	7	21
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Plays	72	69
Total Net Yards	666	335
Avg. Gain Per Play	9.3	4.9
Fumbles/Plays	4/2	6/2
Penalties/Yards	5/55	11/91
Punts/Yards	3/108	8/344
Avg. Per Punt	36.0	43.0
Possession Time	28:40	31:20
Third-Down Conversions	6-13	5-16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Sacks By/Yards	3/16	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	10	10	16	14	50
Michigan St.	7	0	3	0	10

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Phillips	22	219	13	206	4	50
Childs	8	85	2	83	0	25
Sims	1	80	0	80	1	80
Green	4	74	0	74	1	57
Makovsky, Jeff	9	38	0	38	0	9
Frazier	5	30	0	30	0	13
Berringer	4	20	0	20	0	10
Makovsky, Joel	2	9	0	9	0	8
Schuster	2	7	0	7	0	6
Turman	1	5	0	5	0	5
Michigan St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Greene, S.	8	35	1	34	0	9
Crenshaw	3	17	0	17	0	12
Renaud	7	12	2	10	0	4
Patrick	5	4	1	3	0	2

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Berringer	11	6	0	105	0	51
Frazier	2	1	0	8	0	8
Turman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Banks	35	21	1	290	1	56

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Gilman	2	13	6.5	0	8	
Holbein	2	10	5.0	0	6	
Childs	1	10	10.0	0	10	
Vedral	1	30	30.0	0	30	
Baul	1	51	51.0	0	51	
Michigan St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Greene	4	75	18.8	0	56	
Mason	4	55	13.8	0	22	
Muhammad	4	85	14.5	1	34	
Bencie	3	30	10.0	0	21	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Baul	2	15	7.5	0	15	
Michigan St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Mason	1	2	2.0	0	2	

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Childs	2	51	25.5	0	40	
Michigan St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Mason	6	115	19.2	0	25	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
Brown	3	3	47			
Michigan St.	Att.	Made	Lng			
Gardner	1	1	24			

DEFENSE									
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks		
Minter	6	1	7	0-0	1	0			
Ellis	6	1	7	2-6	0	1			
Terwilliger	5	1	6	1-1	0	0			
Booker	4	1	5	0-0	0	0			
Peter, C.	4	0	4	1-6	0	0			
Peter, J.	2	2	4	0-0	0	0			
Williams	2	2	4	0-0	0	0			
Veland	3	1	4	0-0	0	0			
Farley	3	0	3	2-10	0	0			
Penland	3	0	3	0-0	0	0			
Wistrom	2	1	3	0-0	0	0			
Kelsay	3	0	3	0-0	0	0			
Tomich	1	1	2	1-6	0	1			





# NEBRASKA 77 *Cornhuskers* ARIZONA STATE 28 *Sun Devils*



GAME 3 • September 16, 1995 • Attendance: 75,418 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## Sun Devils In The Wrong Place At Wrong Time

Lance Brown was pleased with the play. Bruce Snyder was not.

Brown, a redshirt sophomore from Papillion, Neb., tossed aside his helmet and did a backflip on the sideline after scoring the final touchdown in No. 2-ranked Nebraska's 77-28 victory against Arizona State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Brown, a reserve wingback who has been beset by injury problems during his brief career, and third-string quarterback Matt Turman teamed up for a 39-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-13 with 38 seconds remaining in the contest.

It was the amount of time left, coupled with the fact Nebraska took a timeout before the play, that upset Snyder, Arizona State's coach.

Snyder regarded the sequence of events as evidence the Cornhuskers

were running up the score. "I apologized to Bruce," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I felt bad about it. It was a bush league thing to do. That was my mistake. We should have just run a draw play and ran out the clock."

He had called the pass, with Brown running a hook pattern, in hopes of getting a first down so he could put in some players who hadn't gotten into the game, Osborne said. Nebraska used 98 players in the game.

Based on the defensive back's reaction to the play, however, Brown went deep — for the touchdown. "I feel terrible about that last play," said Osborne.

Appearances aside, it didn't much matter whether Nebraska won by 42 points or 49 points. The

Cornhuskers were clearly the better team, even without suspended I-back Lawrence Phillips and junior Damon Benning who was nursing a sore hamstring.

As a result, senior Clinton Childs, who had been spending much of his time at fullback, started at I-back and responded by rushing for 143 yards and two touchdowns before being sidelined by a knee strain.

The 202nd consecutive sellout crowd at Memorial Stadium had to wait only a few seconds to find out Childs could handle the responsibility. On the game's first play from

**Nebraska found plenty of reasons to celebrate, finding the end zone for 77 points. It was the second best scoring output in school history behind an 84 point effort in 1984.**





scrimmage, he took a pitch from Tommie Frazier and ran 65 yards for the first of his touchdowns.

Childs went around his left end and was never touched by a defender. "It was just an outside sweep, and I think they blitzed to the other side," said Osborne. "The corner just kind of ran himself out of position."

When he got to the outside, "I didn't see anybody in sight. I just hoped with the bigger frame I had (for a fullback), I wouldn't get caught from behind," the 215-pound Childs said.

Eleven seconds into the game, Nebraska led 7-0.

Childs' second touchdown came on a 38-yard run, on a third-and-3. He made it look almost as easy as the first, except that he was touched — by an official who couldn't get out of the way fast enough. Childs refused to take the credit for his touchdowns, however. That belonged to the offensive line.

"They opened holes for me; I

64-yard drive that took 3:31 off the clock.

Nebraska scored on its first seven possessions and set school records for points in the first quarter (35) and in a half (63). The Cornhuskers led 63-21 at halftime and had gained 508 total yards.

"The first half we came out ready to play. Everything we did was working," said Frazier, whose availability was in question throughout the week because of a deep thigh bruise suffered in the previous victory at Michigan State.

Frazier ran for two touchdowns and threw for two, completing 7-of-10 passes for 191 yards. The first scoring pass went to Jon Vedral and covered 27 yards. The second, a 28-yarder, went to Clester Johnson, who finished with four receptions for 129 yards.

Nebraska's other touchdowns were scored by fullback Jeff Makovicka, on a 13-yard run with no time left in the first quarter, and line-backer Terrell Farley, who intercepted a pass and returned it 21 yards about three minutes into the fourth quarter.

Farley, a transfer from Independence, Kan., Junior College, also returned an interception for a touchdown in the season-opening 64-21 victory against Oklahoma State.

Despite falling behind 28-0 less than 10 minutes into the game, Arizona State caused a few first-half problems for the Cornhusker defense.

Quarterback Jake Plummer, a 6-foot-2, 192-pound junior from Boise, Idaho, passed for three touchdowns, all to junior wide receiver Keith Poole. He finished with six receptions for 200 yards, 80 of which came on one touchdown pass play. "We wanted to match our big-play offense with a big-play defense," Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington said.

That was not to be, however. The defensive problems were similar to those the Cornhuskers experienced last season in a 42-32 victory against Wyoming, according to Darlington.

The difference was the play of Nebraska's offense. It was "unbelievable," Darlington said. "I was amazed at how the offense played."

Arizona State finished with 461 yards, a total that paled by comparison to Nebraska's 686 yards. ■

Bob Berry



Arizona State caused a few first-half problems for the Cornhusker defense.

scored touchdowns for them," he said.

Just under five minutes after Childs scored his first touchdown, true freshman Ahman Green, the No. 2 I-back for the game, scored the first of his two touchdowns on a 3-yard run, to complete a nine-play,

## STATISTICS VS. ARIZONA STATE

	NU	ASU
First Downs	30	17
Rushing	21	8
Passing	9	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	55	45
Yards Gained	423	180
Yards Lost	29	9
Net Yards Rushing	394	171
Net Yards Passing	292	290
Passes Attempted	20	33
Passes Completed	12	14
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Plays	75	78
Total Net Yards	686	461
Avg. Gain Per Play	9.1	5.9
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/30	8/66
Punts/Yards	2/122	7/276
Avg. Per Punt	61.0	39.4
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Nebraska	35	28	0	14	77
Arizona St.	7	14	7	0	28

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Childs	12	151	8	143	2	65
Green	13	116	5	111	2	26
Sims	7	47	0	47	0	11
Frazier	5	45	10	35	2	18
Makovicka, Jeff	8	33	0	33	1	13
Shuster	2	11	0	11	0	8
Turman	2	11	1	10	0	11
Berringer	3	5	3	2	0	4
Eicher	1	2	0	2	0	2
Makovicka, Joel	2	2	2	0	0	2
Arizona St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Battle	9	52	0	52	1	14
Martin	11	40	0	40	0	9
Hopkins	12	39	0	39	0	13

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	10-7-1			191	2	61
Berringer	6-2-0			16	0	10
Turman	2-2-0			51	1	39
Green	1-0-0			0	0	0
Childs	1-1-0			34	0	34
Arizona St.	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Plummer	26-12-1			273	3	80

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Johnson	4	129	32.3	1	61	
Gilman	3	39	13.0	0	22	
Brown	1	39	39.0	1	39	
Baul	1	36	36.0	0	36	
Vedral	1	27	27.0	1	27	
Jackson, V.	1	12	12.0	0	12	
Cheatham	1	10	10.0	0	10	
Arizona St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Poole	6	200	33.3	3	80	
Bush	3	24	8.0	0	11	
Boyer	2	17	8.5	0	13	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Baul	1	28	28.0	0	28	
Cheatham	1	3	3.0	0	3	
Arizona St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
None						

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Cheatham	1	23	23.0	0	23	
Childs	1	37	37.0	0	37	
Arizona St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Hopkins	3	45	15.0	0	22	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						
Arizona St.	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						

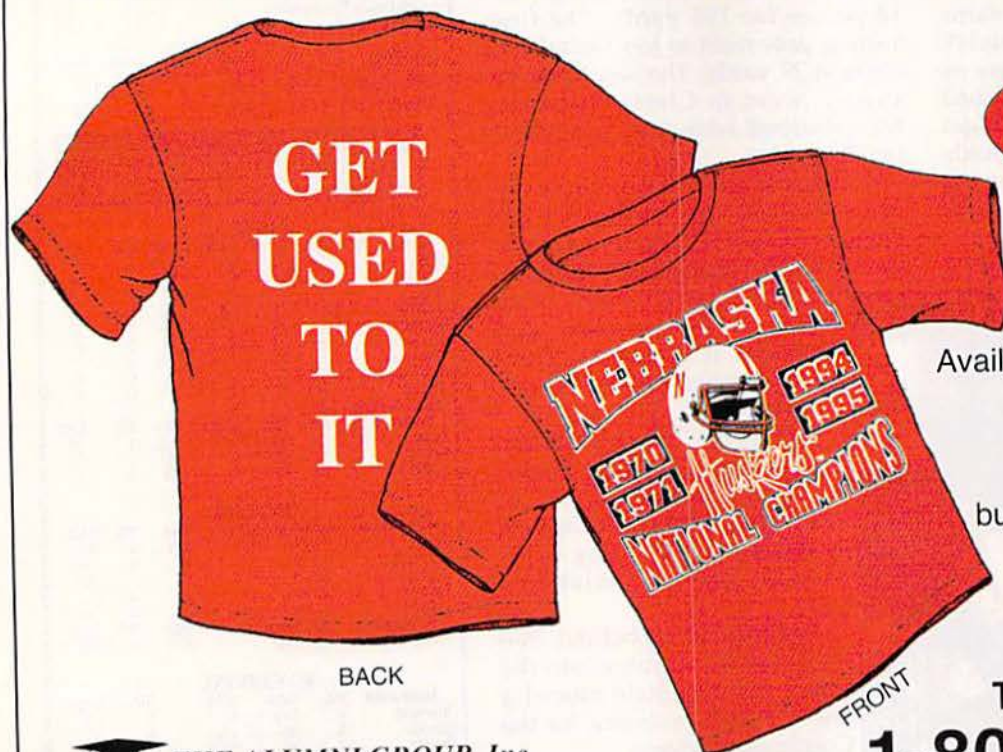
DEFENSE						
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For Loss	Int.	Sacks
Minter	3	5	8	0-0	0	0
Saltsman	1	5	6	1-1	0	0
Colman	3	2	5	0-0	0	0
Foreman	1	4	5	0-0	0	0
Ellis	0	5	5	0-0	0	0
Terwilliger	4	1	5	0-0	0	0
Farley	0	4	4	0-0	1	0
Tornich	2	0	2	2-6	0	1
Booker	0	2	2	0-0	1	0



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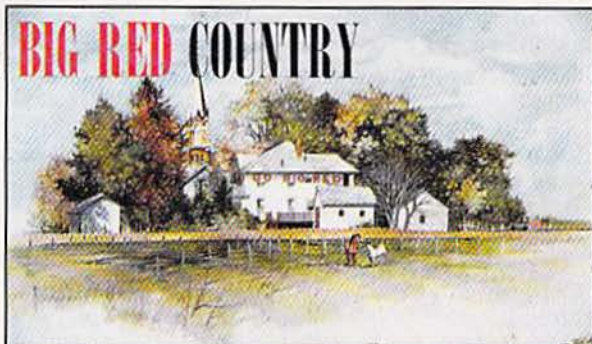
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# NEBRASKA 49 *Cornhuskers* PACIFIC 7 *Tigers*



GAME 4 • September 23, 1995 • Attendance: 75,630 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## Osborne Pulls Back Reins In Offensive Rout, 49-7

Damon Benning wasn't at full speed in Nebraska's 49-7 victory against Pacific. Really, he wasn't.

Oh, the Cornhusker I-back might have appeared to be full speed after gaining 98 yards and scoring three touchdowns on only five carries during the first quarter.

But by his own estimation, he was playing at about 80 percent. "I didn't really let loose at all today," Benning said. "Sure, the numbers look good on paper. But I was scared to go to that next gear."

His fear was a result of a pulled hamstring that sidelined him for the Michigan State and Arizona State games. Prior to Pacific's visit, he had carried only eight times this season.

With Clinton Childs out because of a knee strain and Lawrence Phillips still suspended, Benning became the starter. "I was ready to get back into the swing of things," he said.

He had heard people say he was injury prone, that he wasn't tough. He wanted to "make a statement that I could come back," he said.

Benning achieved his goal, before rolling an ankle on a spin move and being helped from the field early in the third quarter. By then, he had 173 yards on only 10 carries.

By then, Nebraska led 35-0 and was beginning to ease up offensively. "In the second half, we didn't run as many plays that could have scored," quarterback Tommie Frazier said.

Even during the first half, the Cornhuskers didn't open up the way they had in a 77-28 victory against Arizona State the week before, according to center Aaron Graham. "It's sad to say, but coach (Tom) Osborne might have been limiting himself on his play calling," Graham said. "I don't know if that's right or

not. But this week, we were a little more conservative.

"If we had run the same plays, we would have been just as successful. It probably could have been worse than it was," said Graham.

It was bad enough, as far as Pacific coach Chuck Shelton was

50 points." Held under? That's stretching a definition.

"I think they've taken their kind of offensive football to another level," Shelton said. "They've improved it to a point where it's very difficult to deal with. Even if you could match up physically, it's



Bob Berry

concerned. The Cornhuskers gained 731 yards, including 569 rushing. After one quarter, they were on pace to gain nearly 1,000 yards. If Osborne hadn't backed off, they might have. They ran 106 plays, and averaged 6.9 yards per play. Even so, ESPN, in reporting the final score, noted that: "It was the first time Nebraska has been held under

**Only five carries into the game, Damon Benning racked up 98 yards and three touchdowns. The junior finished with 173 yards.**

difficult to deal with, and certainly we couldn't match up physically."

Pacific's leading tacklers were safeties Matt Kilgras and Nigel





Bob Berry

**Pacific quarterback Nick Sellers had trouble carrying the offensive load while toting Terrell Farley and the defense.**

Burton, who combined on 27, including 15 unassisted. Clearly, the Tigers weren't stopping Nebraska's running backs at the line of scrimmage.

Freshman Ahman Green, Benning's backup, ran for 112 yards and two touchdowns on only 15 carries. Frazier averaged nearly nine yards per carry, and scored a touchdown, as did James Sims, the No. 3 I-back Saturday.

Nebraska's 731 yards were the most ever against Pacific. The total would have been even greater had the Cornhuskers passed more efficiently. They finished 16-of-36 for 162 yards, with two interceptions.

Some of the problem was a south wind, gusting to 20 miles an hour and preventing both teams from completing 50 percent of their passes. Into the wind, the ball often fell short. With the wind, it tended to sail.

Pacific's only touchdown was scored on a 12-yard pass from Nick Sellers to Tyrone Watley with 5:24

remaining in the third quarter. The fourth quarter was scoreless.

Sellers, who was under considerable pressure much of the afternoon, was understandably impressed by Nebraska. The Cornhuskers "have the makings of a national championship football team," he said.

"I don't know of a team that can play with these guys right now."

Tailback Joe Abdullah agreed. "I never really got a chance to get outside," he said. "I never got a chance to show my talent."

The senior from Stockton, Calif., averaged 123.7 rushing yards in Pacific's first three games. He managed only 25 yards on 13 carries against the Cornhuskers. "Their defensive line is so good, our offensive linemen never had a chance to get to their linebackers," Abdullah said.

Shelton, whose Tigers lost in Lincoln last season 70-21, said this Nebraska team is better than the one a year ago, when the Cornhuskers won the national championship.

Nebraska scored touchdowns on five of its first six possessions and its first two possessions in the second half. The Cornhuskers punted only once, with 4:24 left in the third quarter. ■

## STATISTICS VS. PACIFIC

	NU	UOP
First Downs	36	7
Rushing	26	2
Passing	10	5
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	70	17
Yards Gained	578	72
Yards Lost	9	12
Net Yards Rushing	569	60
Net Yards Passing	162	137
Passes Attempted	36	31
Passes Completed	16	14
Had Intercepted	2	1
Total Plays	106	48
Total Net Yards	731	197
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.9	4.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	3/26	2/20
Punts/Yards	1/33	11/481
Avg. Per Punt	33.0	43.7
Possession Time	39:44	20:16
Third-Down Conversions	9-19	2-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	4-6	0-0
Sacks By/Yards	1/8	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	21	14	14	0	49
Pacific	0	0	7	0	7

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Nebraska						
Benning	10	173	0	173	3	62
Green	15	113	1	112	2	25
Frazier	7	68	6	62	1	26
Sims	9	55	0	55	1	17
Schuster	3	47	0	47	0	43
Makovicka, Jeff	5	34	1	33	0	24
Makovicka, Joel	3	29	0	29	0	15
Berringer	3	21	0	21	0	12
Turman	6	13	1	12	0	4
Pacific						
Reeder	1	36	0	36	0	36
Abdullah	13	27	2	25	0	9
Sellers	2	9	8	1	0	9

PASSING						
	Att.-Cmp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng		
Nebraska						
Berringer	17-9-0	57	0	15		
Frazier	14-6-1	90	0	25		
Turman	5-1-1	15	0	15		
Pacific						
Sellers	25-13-0	132	1	38		
Fotheringham	5-1-0	5	0	5		

RECEIVING						
	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Nebraska						
Johnson	2	31	15.5	0	25	
Baul	2	24	12.0	0	13	
Holbein	2	24	12.0	0	13	
Vedral	2	23	11.5	0	19	
Cheatham	2	19	9.5	0	10	
Washington	2	13	6.5	0	9	
Pacific						
Atkins	3	63	21.0	0	38	
Watley	3	17	5.7	1	12	

PUNT RETURNS						
	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Nebraska						
Baul	4	44	11.0	0	17	
Cheatham	2	60	30.0	0	33	
Fullman	3	31	10.3	0	19	
Pacific						
None						

KICKOFF RETURNS						
	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Nebraska						
None						
Pacific						
Reeder	4	34	8.5	0	17	

FIELD GOALS						
	Att.	Made	Lng			
Nebraska						
Brown	1	0	0			
Pacific						
None						

DEFENSE									
	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks		
Nebraska									
Farley	2	2	4	2-9	0	0	1		
Colman	3	0	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Booker	3	0	3	1-3	0	0	0		
Minter	2	1	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Terwilliger	2	1	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Peter, J.	2	0	2	2-3	0	0	0		
Kelsay	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Schmadeke, D.	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Peter, C.	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	0		
Wistrom	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	0		
Jenkins	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	0		
Skoda	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0		





# NEBRASKA 35 Cornhuskers WASHINGTON STATE 21 Cougars



GAME 5 • September 30, 1995 • Attendance: 75,777 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## Huskers Make Cougars Eat Their Words And Score

Nebraska trailed for the first time this season during its 35-21 victory over Washington State.

The Cougars carried a 7-0 lead into the second quarter.

That wasn't all bad, as far as the Cornhuskers were concerned. They were ready for a challenge.

"It didn't hurt us any. It's good to come back from a deficit," coach Tom Osborne said.

The deficit was a result of a defensive breakdown, which Washington State exploited. Nebraska blitzed, and the Cougars' Frank Madu raced 87 yards for a touchdown to temporarily silence a Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,777.

"You want the blitz? You got the blitz, right?" Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said.

"They went on a short count, and we didn't get our safety around to blitz. We just weren't ready."

Washington State held the lead for nine minutes. Just 17 seconds into the second quarter, quarterback Tommie Frazier scored on a 4-yard run to get the Cornhuskers rolling, though not as efficiently as in previous games.

Frazier scored another touchdown on a 20-yard run and hooked up with tight end Mark Gilman on a 35-yard touchdown pass. Freshman I-back Ahman Green, who rushed for 176 yards, scored on a 3-yard run. And freshman Kris Brown kicked two field goals. But "we missed two or three scoring opportunities," said Osborne.

Nebraska's first series ended with a fumble at the Washington State 9-yard line, and another series ended with a missed 20-yard field goal.

The Cornhuskers gained 527 yards, including 428 on the ground. But "the scoring wasn't commensurate with the yards," Osborne said.

Even so, the totals were impressive. Washington State went into the game ranked fourth nationally in rushing defense, allowing an average of just under 70 yards per game. The Cougars had not allowed a rushing touchdown in three games.

Although those statistics could have spoken for themselves, a couple of Washington State players had something to say before the game, as well.

Dwayne Sanders, a senior defensive end predicted a Cougar victory. More specifically, he reportedly said: "The Nebraska game is going to shock a lot of people because we're going to win. You heard it here first, from Dwayne Sanders."

Washington State claimed the quote was taken out of context.

Madu also made a prediction, of sorts, telling newspaper reporters: "I hope they (the Cornhuskers) don't think they're going to stomp on us like they stomped on Arizona State. It's not that type of party on this side. We're going to pick Nebraska apart."

Frazier was among the Cornhuskers who took offense at such remarks. "When a team talks as much as they did, you take it personally," he said. "At least I did."

"If they had won, they could have made those comments."

The comments also weren't lost on wingback Clester Johnson, who caught four passes for 31 yards and carried twice for 20 yards. "I felt they didn't respect us that much. I guess they just needed to do some-

thing to get themselves hyped up," he said.

Washington State's offense managed 350 yards. But that total was misleading, Nebraska outside linebacker Grant Wistrom said. After



Grant Wistrom (98) and Jared Tomich (93) helped crush the Cougars' upset hopes and their quarterback, Chad Davis.

Bob Berry

Madu's run, "we totally controlled them" until late in the game, after the Cornhuskers had taken control, at 28-7.

Without Madu's 87-yarder, the





Pregame comments made by WSU weren't lost on wingback Clester Johnson (33) and the Huskers.

practice. He'll most likely miss the Missouri game, McBride said, but he could return against Kansas State.

Starting rover Mike Minter, the team's leading tackler, also needs to rest a knee that hasn't completely healed following surgery that sidelined him most of last season, said McBride.

Minter's practice time has been limited. "Mike is pretty well shot," McBride said. "He is really hurt. He has played hurt. Mike's injury has never come around."

Damon Benning, who sprained an ankle against Pacific, started for the second game in a row, sharing time with Green, who produced his 176 rushing yards on only 13 carries.

"Ahman showed a lot today," Osborne said. "He's got that step, that extra step. He played awfully well for a freshman. Three or four weeks ago, he couldn't have done this. He's getting more confidence, and he's growing up."

Green was especially impressive running in contact, gaining yards after being hit. Frank Solich, Nebraska's assistant head coach and running backs coach, "really stressed putting your head down, running hard and protecting the ball," Green said.

Green had more than 100 yards rushing after only three carries. His first was good for 24 yards. His second went for 36 yards. And his third gained 54 yards. "At the beginning (of the season), I was thinking too much," he said. "Now I know where I'm going."

Frazier, who had 169 yards of total offense, said he wasn't surprised at Green's contributions, freshman or not. "If you're capable of getting the job done, fine. If you're hot, the coaches are going to stay with you."

Green was hot, despite taking a pounding from a physical Washington State defense. "He proved today he's going to gut it out," Frazier said. ■

Cougars would have finished with a net loss in rushing. And they had 172 yards on the two long drives that culminated in fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Washington State quarter-back Chad Davis completed 20-of-37 passes for 278 yards and touchdowns of 33 and 30 yards to Shawn Tims, the second with 3:38 remaining in the game. However, "I felt like overall, when we really needed to have something happen, it happened," McBride said.

Washington State recovered an onside kick after its third touchdown at its own 34-yard line but couldn't pick up a first down on four plays, one of which resulted in a 9-yard loss on a sack by Christian Peter.

The sack was Nebraska's second. Earlier, Wistrom got his first sack of the season. "It was great," said the sophomore from Webb City, Mo. "I was going crazy. I had like 10 tackles and no sacks (before the game)."

Actually, Wistrom had 11 tackles in the first four games. His playing time was limited, however, and he had been at less than full speed because of "minor injuries." Wistrom had a sore knee and a hip flexor.

Tomich also had been slowed by an ankle problem, according to McBride. Several of the first-team defensive players have been ailing. "We're kind of beat-up right now," he said.

Middle linebacker Phil Ellis missed the game because of a fracture in his right foot, suffered during

## STATISTICS VS. WASHINGTON STATE

	NU	WSU
First Downs	27	17
Rushing	23	2
Passing	1	13
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	63	24
Yards Gained	456	120
Yards Lost	28	48
Net Yards Rushing	428	72
Net Yards Passing	99	278
Passes Attempted	20	37
Passes Completed	9	20
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Plays	83	61
Total Net Yards	527	350
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.3	5.7
Fumbles/Lost	5/3	2/0
Penalties/Yards	3/35	5/42
Punts/Yards	4/148	8/360
Avg. Per Punt	37.0	45.0
Possession Time	35:17	24:43
Third-Down Conversions	8-17	4-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-2	0-1
Sacks By/Yards	2/17	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	0	20	8	7	35
Washington St.	7	0	0	14	21

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Green	13	176	0	176	1	54
Frazier	15	87	17	70	2	20
Makovicka, Jeff	4	64	0	64	0	54
Benning	20	66	3	63	0	13
Schuster	5	42	0	42	0	23
Johnson	2	20	0	20	0	10
Makovicka, Joel	1	1	0	1	0	1
Sims	1	0	3	-3	0	0
Berringer	2	0	5	-5	0	0
Wash. St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Madu	9	95	5	90	1	87
Sparks	9	10	9	1	0	4
Tims	1	0	9	-9	0	0

PASSING				
Nebraska	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	19-9-0	99	1	35
Berringer	1-0-0	0	0	0
Wash. St.	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Davis	37-20-0	278	2	33

RECEIVING					
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng
Johnson	4	31	7.8	0	9
Baul	2	19	8.0	0	15
Gilman	1	35	35.0	1	35
Holbein	1	8	8.0	0	8
Vedral	1	6	6.0	0	6
Wash. St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng
Dumas	9	100	11.1	0	21
Tims	2	63	31.5	2	33
Thomas	2	31	15.5	0	20
Madu	2	23	11.5	0	19

PUNT RETURNS					
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng
Cheatham	5	39	7.8	0	22
Fullman	1	8	8.0	0	8
Wash. St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng
Dumas	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS					
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng
Green	3	66	22.0	0	34
Wash. St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng
Madu	3	15	5.0	0	8
Meriwether	3	37	12.3	0	15

FIELD GOALS			
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng
Brown	3	2	33

DEFENSE							
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks
Wistrom	3	2	5	4-16	0	1	
Williams, T.	5	0	5	1-9	0	0	
Tomich	3	2	5	1-2	0	0	
Veland	4	0	4	0-0	0	0	
Minter	4	0	4	0-0	0	0	
Colman	2	2	4	0.5-4	0	1	
Williams, J.	1	2	3	0-0	0	0	
Booker	3	0	3	0-0	0	0	
Terwilliger	2	1	3	2-4	0	0	
Peter, J.	1	2	3	1.5-5	0	0	
Warfield	0	2	2	0-0	0	0	
McFarlin	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	
Stokes	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	





# NEBRASKA 57 *Cornhuskers* MISSOURI 0 *Tigers*



GAME 6 • October 14, 1995 • Attendance: 75,552 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## The Hits Keep On Coming In Husker Shutout, 57-0

A desperate Missouri football team came to Memorial Stadium last Saturday to absorb a 57-0 loss to Nebraska. Or so it seemed.

You be the judge.

The Tigers' travel roster included Corby Jones, a prize freshman quarterback from Columbia, Mo., who had been redshirted for five games.

Midway through the first quarter, Missouri coach Larry Smith sent Jones into the game. Jones, an option quarterback, gained 5 yards on his

playing at the major college level. "How to take a hit," he said.

That was it in a nutshell.

Jones and his teammates took plenty of hits as Nebraska posted its first shutout since August 1994. The Cornhuskers also held Missouri to 122 total yards, easily the lowest total by an opponent this season. The previous low was 197 yards by Pacific.

"We talk about a shutout every week, and that was our main focus,"

They were only slightly more efficient throwing the ball, completing 9-of-24 for 83 yards, with two interceptions.

Missouri went into the game ranked last in the Big Eight and 87th nationally in total offense. Hoping to correct that, Smith vowed to change his offense during closed practices.

Nebraska expected the Tigers to run more options after Smith indicated that Jones would make the trip. Because of the secrecy sur-



Bob Berry

**Nebraska and I-back Ahman Green, in his first collegiate start, kept Missouri off balance even though the Huskers rushed for only 342 yards.**

first carry, 4 yards on his second carry, 2 yards on his third carry and 1 yard on his fourth carry. He finished the game with 7 yards net rushing.

Afterward, Jones was asked what he learned from his first experience

Nebraska weak-side linebacker Ryan Terwilliger said. "We don't talk much about total yards, but holding them to that much was really sweet."

Brock Olivo, Missouri's sophomore tailback, went into the game as the fourth-leading rusher in the Big Eight, averaging 101.8 yards per game. He gained 10 yards on 11 carries.

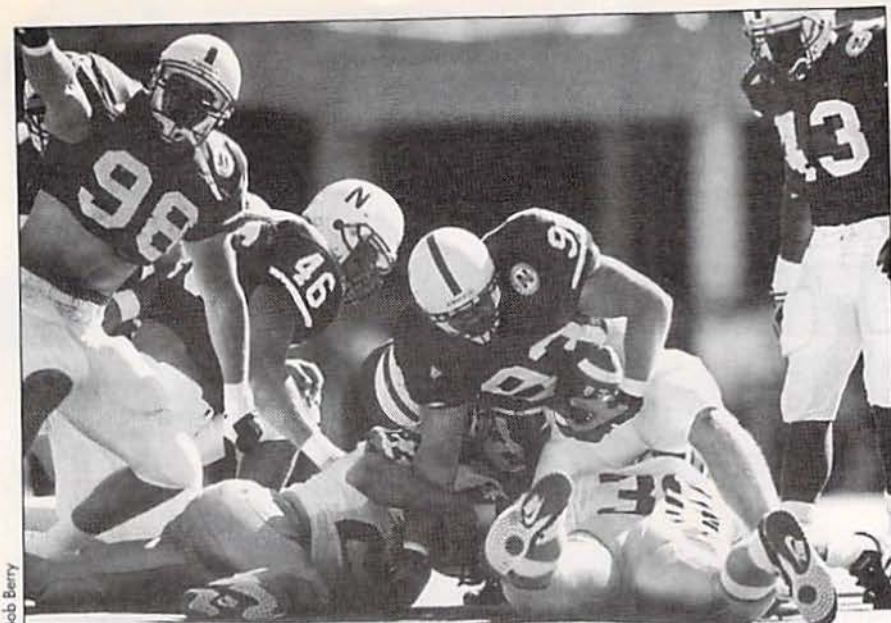
His performance was Missouri's in miniature. The Tigers had 39 rushes for a net gain of 39 yards.

rounding Missouri's preparations, "we were kind of antsy. We were curious to see how they would come out," said Cornhusker outside linebacker Jared Tomich.

Freshman Kent Skornia started at quarterback for Missouri, replacing junior Brandon Corso, who had started the first five games. A pattern emerged as the game went on, Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said.

When the Tigers were going into a strong wind out of the north, they





The Black Shirts were opportunistic, producing four turnovers and blocking a punt out of the end zone for a safety.

tended to run more with Jones. And when they had the wind at their backs, they were more likely to throw. "We just adjusted with their two quarterbacks," said McBride. Actually, there were three. Corso also played.

Nebraska's defense was the most opportunistic it has been this season, producing four turnovers and blocking a punt out of the end zone for a safety. Tomich and linebacker Doug Colman recovered fumbles. Tony Veland and Darren Schmadeke intercepted passes, Schmadeke's coming at the Nebraska goal line with just over two minutes left in the game to preserve the shutout.

Terrell Farley blocked the punt out of the end zone with 9:42 remaining in the third quarter. "I've been waiting," he said. "I've never had a chance to lay out for one."

A key to blocking a punt is to get a good angle, according to Farley. "A perfect angle," he said. In addition, "you've got to extend your hands. Otherwise, you'll get kicked in the stomach."

Quarterback Tommie Frazier was responsible for five of the Cornhuskers' eight touchdowns, three running and two passing.

Frazier scored the game's first touchdown on a 29-yard run with 7:08 remaining in the first quarter. He scored the second and third touchdowns from a 1 yard out in the second quarter, then capped the half with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Brendan Holbein.

The ball was thrown to Jon Vedral. But it was deflected into the

hands of Holbein, who was beyond Vedral in the end zone. Time had elapsed.

"That's not the way we practice it, but I'll take it," said Frazier, who also threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to redshirt freshman tight end Sheldon Jackson with 4:04 remaining in the third quarter.

Ahman Green, Matt Turman and Damon Benning scored the other touchdowns, on runs of 9 yards, 1 yard and 16 yards, respectively.

Green, a true freshman I-back from Omaha Central, started for the first time as a collegian and responded by gaining 90 yards on 15 carries.

"He had some strong runs," assistant head coach and running backs coach Frank Solich said. "I thought he did exceptionally well."

Green admitted he had a case of jitters because of his first start. He fumbled his first carry out of bounds after gaining 2 yards.

"It was good to see him come back from that," said Solich.

Green didn't have to wait for a second chance. He got the ball on the next play and picked up 14 yards.

On a 14-yard run in the second quarter, he broke four tackles before finally going down. "Ahman had some strong runs," Solich said.

So did Frazier, who finished with 71 yards rushing and 133 yards passing on 7-of-14 completions. Even though he completed 50 percent, he wasn't satisfied with his passing.

"Our passing game is not where it needs to be," said Frazier. "It's just concentration. We're going to be better in the passing game." ■

## STATISTICS VS. MISSOURI

	NU	MU
First Downs	21	9
Rushing	17	4
Passing	4	5
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	51	39
Yards Gained	354	84
Yards Lost	12	45
Net Yards Rushing	342	39
Net Yards Passing	133	83
Passes Attempted	15	24
Passes Completed	7	9
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Plays	66	63
Total Net Yards	475	122
Avg. Gain Per Play	7.2	1.9
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	5/2
Penalties/Yards	5/36	5/24
Punts/Yards	5/167	11/380
Avg. Per Punt	33.4	34.5
Possession Time	24:44	35:16
Third-Down Conversions	3-11	4-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-3	0-0
Sacks By/Yards	4-30	0-0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	7	21	22	7	57
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Green	15	91	1	90	1	16
Frazier	8	71	0	71	3	29
Benning	8	43	6	37	1	16
Washington	2	40	5	35	0	40
Makovicka, Jeff	5	33	0	33	0	17
Sims	2	29	0	29	0	21
Schuster	2	24	0	24	0	22
Childs	6	22	0	22	0	13
Turman	3	1	0	1	1	1
Missouri	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Blackwell	6	20	0	20	0	4
James	4	16	0	16	0	7
Skornia	5	15	4	11	0	6
Olivo	11	15	5	10	0	5

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	14	7	0	133	2	36
Turman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Corso	12	6	0	59	0	15
Skornia	10	3	1	24	0	14
Jones, C.	2	0	1	0	0	0

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Gilman	2	57	28.5	0	33	
Vedral	1	36	36.0	0	36	
Holbein	1	29	29.0	1	29	
Childs	1	9	9.0	0	9	
Jackson, S.	1	6	6.0	1	6	
Green	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	
Missouri	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Lingerfelt	3	29	9.7	0	14	
Jones, F.	3	25	8.3	0	11	
Gonzales	1	15	15.0	0	15	
Young	1	10	10.0	0	10	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Fullman	7	61	8.7	0	22	
McFarlin	1	9	9.0	0	9	
Farley	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Missouri	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
None						

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Benning	1	21	21.0	0	21	
Missouri	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
West	3	38	8.7	0	20	
Williams, K.	2	30	15.0	0	17	
Potter	1	22	22.0	0	22	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						
Missouri	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						

DEFENSE								
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks	
Colman	4	4	8	1.5	2	0	0	
Peter, C.	0	6	6	0.5	1	0	0	
Terwilliger	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	
Foreman	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	
Veland	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	
Hardin	1	1	2	1	8	0	1	
Kelsay	1	1	2	2	12	0	2	
Schmadeke, D.O.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	





# NEBRASKA 49 *Cornhuskers* KANSAS STATE 25 *Wildcats*



GAME 7 • October 21, 1995 • Attendance: 76,072 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## First-Half Scoring Barrage Dooms Wildcats

Mike Fullman shifted the focus away from himself.

"I give all the credit to the guys who were blocking," he said of his 79-yard punt return for a touchdown in Nebraska's 49-25 victory over Kansas State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

"Really, all I saw was a bunch of red jerseys knocking out a lot of white jerseys," he said. "The wall was set up. The rest was history."

Fullman, a transfer from Rutgers who backs up Michael Booker at left cornerback, was being modest, of course. There was more to the run-back than that. But he did need help, which he got from a number of blocks.

The most dramatic was thrown by Mike Rucker, a redshirt freshman outside linebacker. Rucker hit Kansas State cornerback Joe Gordon with such force that Gordon's helmet came off. The block was acknowledged on an ESPN report a few hours later, and it was certain to be included in national highlights of Saturday's games.

"That's my job," said the 6-foot-5, 240-pound Rucker. "I try to put 'em out. I think he (Gordon) was about to catch Mike. He didn't see it coming."

Rucker nearly lost a contact lens at the moment of impact. He blinked to keep the lens in his eye. "I saw this blur and then a helmet coming off," he said. "For a split second, I didn't know what happened."

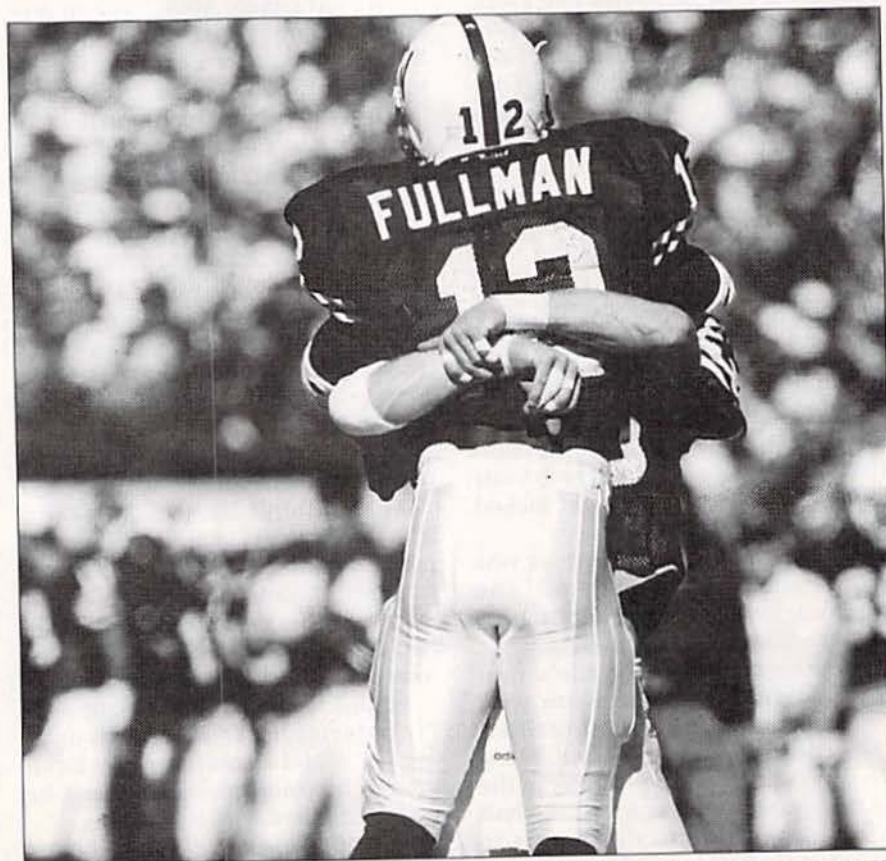
Rucker's description could be used more generally to summarize Nebraska's seventh consecutive victory against a Kansas State team that came to Lincoln undefeated and untied. What happened to the No. 8-ranked Wildcats was unexpected. Like Gordon, they never saw what hit them until too late.

They were blindsided by a 35-point first half that began with Fullman's punt return, Nebraska's first for a touchdown since a 64-yarder by Morgan Gregory against Kansas on Oct. 8, 1988. "Right before the game, the coaches told us we had to make a big play on special teams," said Fullman, whose opportunity to return punts was a result of redshirt freshman Kenny Cheatham's being sidelined by an injury.

Fullman took the coaches at their word and took matters into his own hands. He high-stepped the final few

yards to the end zone, a celebration deemed excessive by the officials. The resulting 15-yard penalty was enforced on the kickoff, which, in turn, translated into sufficiently good field position for Kansas State to counter with a touchdown of its own.

But the flicker of hope represented by an 18-yard scoring pass from Matt Miller to Kevin Lockett was quickly extinguished. First, Martin Gramatica's extra-point attempt sailed wide left. Then Jon Vedral fell on a Clinton Childs fumble in the



Mike Fullman provided an emotional spark after returning a punt 79 yards for a score less than five minutes into the game.



end zone for the Cornhuskers' second touchdown, two seconds before the end of the first quarter.

"There were some strange things happening," said Vedral, a junior wingback from Gregory, S.D. "That's scary, sometimes."

Strange things, indeed. Nebraska, which went into the game leading the nation in rushing offense, didn't score a rushing touchdown against the Wildcats, who led the nation in scoring defense at the time.

Childs fumbled the ball before he crossed the goal line. Officially, that wasn't a rushing touchdown. Tommie Frazier tied a school record by throwing four touchdown passes. And Luther Hardin contributed a 3-

yard interception return for a touchdown. However, "we probably backed off a little too early," Osborne said. "I guess it's really nice to be able to play a football team and take your first team out. But there was probably too much time left on the clock when we started substituting."

Kansas State's offense, which was short-circuited by Nebraska's No. 1 defense, improved significantly as Osborne began to replace his seniors.

The Wildcats' 19 fourth-quarter points not only distorted the final score but also forced Osborne to send top-unit players back into the game.

Frazier said he really didn't want to return but thought it was his duty after Kansas State had reduced the deficit to 17 points. He directed a seven-play, 44-yard drive to the game's final touchdown, a 12-yard play that began with a shovel pass to Ahman Green, the Cornhuskers' freshman I-back.

"I wanted to put it in one more time," said Green, who

**Everything seemed to be going the Huskers' way early as even Clinton Childs' (26) fumble near the end zone was recovered for a score by wingback Jon Vedral (25).**



Bob Berry

took another shovel pass from Frazier and ran 10 yards for a touchdown late in the first half.

Frazier's other touchdown passes were to Vedral, a 32-yard play, and to tight end Sheldon Jackson, an 11-yard play. Jackson, a redshirt freshman from Diamond Bar, Calif., also caught a touchdown pass in Nebraska's 57-0 victory over Missouri. ■

## STATISTICS VS. KANSAS STATE

	NU	KSU
First Downs	19	17
Rushing	10	3
Passing	7	13
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	46	26
Yards Gained	198	67
Yards Lost	8	86
Net Yards Rushing	190	-19
Net Yards Passing	148	275
Passes Attempted	17	47
Passes Completed	10	24
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Plays	63	73
Total Net Yards	338	256
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.4	3.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/64	14/113
Punts/Yards	4/91	6/266
Avg. Per Punt	22.8	44.3
Possession Time	30:53	29:07
Third-Down Conversions	7-13	6-18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	3-4
Sacks By/Yards	9/82	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	14	21	7	7	49
Kansas State	6	0	0	19	25

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Green	22	111	2	109	0	33
Frazier	6	40	4	36	0	15
Makovich, Jeff	6	21	0	21	0	6
Schuster	2	10	0	10	0	10
Childs	4	9	0	9	0	3
Sims	1	3	0	3	0	3
Benning	5	4	2	2	0	4
Vedral	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kansas St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Hickson	6	27	1	26	0	11
Lawrence	6	18	3	15	0	16
Kavanagh	2	0	22	-22	0	0

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	16-10-0	148	4	32		
Turman	1-0-0	0	0	0		
Kansas St.	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Miller	24-10-2	109	1	30		
Kavanagh	21-12-0	136	2	22		
Garcia	2-2-0	30	0	18		

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Green	3	41	13.7	2	19	
Jackson, S.	2	18	9.0	1	11	
Vedral	1	32	32.0	1	32	
Benning	1	23	23.0	0	23	
Johnson	1	12	12.0	0	12	
Gilman	1	11	11.0	0	11	
Washington	1	11	11.0	0	11	
Kansas St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Running	10	110	11.0	1	22	
Schwieger	4	58	14.5	0	30	
Lockett	4	54	13.5	2	18	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Fullman	3	90	30.0	1	79	
Kansas St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Johnson	1	25	25.0	0	0	

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Childs	3	56	18.7	0	23	
Vedral	1	2	2.0	0	2	
Kansas St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Lawrence	1	51	51.0	0	51	
Dean	2	40	20.0	0	30	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						
Kansas St.	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						

DEFENSE									
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For Loss	Int.	Sacks			
Farley	6	3	9	2-22	0	2			
Wistrom	5	0	5	4-13	0	2			
Colman	2	2	4	2-13	0	2			
Booker	4	0	4	0-0	1	0			
Tomich	3	0	3	2-21	0	2			
Peter, C.	1	2	3	0-0	0	0			
Minter	2	1	3	0-0	0	0			
McFarlin	2	1	3	0-0	0	0			
Williams, J.	1	2	3	0-0	0	0			
Hardin	2	0	2	0-0	1	0			
Rucker	1	0	1	1-16	0	1			



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# NEBRASKA 44 *Cornhuskers* COLORADO 21 *Buffaloes*



GAME 8 • October 28, 1995 • Attendance: 54,063 • Folsom Field • Boulder, Colo.

## Buffaloes Passed By, 44-21

The question was: If forced to do so, could Tommie Frazier pass effectively? The answer resonated through the Rockies. Yeeesss.

Or, expressed another way: Nebraska 44, Colorado 21.

"He was pretty much on the money with everything he threw today," Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne said after Frazier passed for a career-high 241 yards and two touchdowns.

Frazier completed 14-of-23 passes without an interception as No. 2-ranked Nebraska improved to 8-0 at the expense of the No. 7 Buffaloes.

"He's a great player who really holds things together," Osborne said. "He's the difference-maker."

During his weekly news conference, Osborne endorsed Frazier as a candidate for the Heisman Trophy, given annually to college football's best player.

"If statistics are the criteria, obviously, Tommie probably isn't going to win it," Osborne said.

"If they look at moving the football and winning games, being a great competitor and being multifaceted, then I think Tommie has a great chance.

"If there are other things that are major factors, he probably doesn't have much chance. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and who knows what people are looking for?"

What the majority of those in a record crowd of 54,063 at Folsom Field were looking for was something less than what Frazier provided. Colorado's defense was prepared to stop the run, which it did with some success, measured statistically.

Nebraska went into the game averaging 7.5 yards per rush and 426.9 rushing yards per game to lead the nation.



Tim Benko

The Cornhuskers rushed for 226 yards against Colorado, averaging a modest 4.2 yards per attempt.

"Nebraska knew our defense is designed to take away the run," said Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel.

Tim Benko

**Tommie Frazier keyed the crushing of Colorado with a career-high 241 yards passing and two touchdowns.**

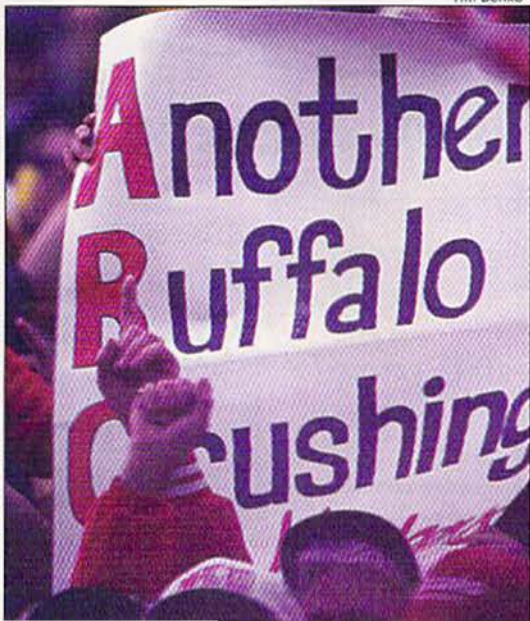
"They probably said, 'We're going to have to throw a little bit more.'"

Frazier's 23 passes were a season high. He might have thrown more. However, "once we got up 16 points, we weren't going to throw a lot," Osborne said.

Nebraska started as if it might not have to leave the ground. On its first play from scrimmage, freshman I-back Ahman Green took a pitchout from Frazier and ran 57 yards, untouched, for a touchdown. The Cornhuskers lined up in a new set for the play.

"We put an extra blocker out there," Osborne said. "It might have confused them a little. It's something they hadn't seen before. We hoped to outnumber them, and we did."

Less than two minutes into the







Tim Benko

**Nebraska punished Colorado for 31 points in the first half, including this 52-yard scoring pass from Tommie Frazier to Clester Johnson (33) in the first quarter.**

game, Nebraska led, 7-0. Osborne didn't relax, however. "Scoring early on a play like that usually means 'watch out,'" he said. "So many times I've seen an early score like that turn into disaster. It's like seeing the air go out of a balloon. Then the other team gets better and better."

Even though the Buffaloes responded to the first of Green's two touchdowns with a seven-play, 85-yard touchdown drive to tie the score at 7, Osborne didn't have to worry. Nebraska led 21-7 at the end of the first quarter, and 31-14 at half-time.

Green, who finished with 97 yards on 18 carries, scored his second touchdown from 1 yard out after a Terrell Farley interception and 42-yard return set up the Cornhuskers first-and-10 at the Colorado 13-yard line. Buffalo quarterback John Hessler threw two interceptions. The second, by MIKE linebacker Doug Colman, produced one of Kris Brown's three field goals.

Hessler was hit by outside linebacker Grant Wistrom just as he released the ball, which fluttered into Colman's waiting hands. Hessler was under pressure from the beginning. He was sacked twice, by Wistrom and Jon Hesse.

"I thought that he was scared of

the defensive line," said Farley, who was credited with seven tackles, second on the team to Jamel Williams' eight. "He got rattled, and he couldn't react to our zone coverage."

Actually, two of Colorado's three touchdowns came on passes, an 18-yarder to Phil Savoy and a 49-yarder to James Kidd. Guard Heath Irwin scored the Buffaloes' other touchdown by recovering a fumble in the end zone to cut the deficit to 21-14 with 9:34 remaining in the first half.

Nebraska had gone ahead on a 52-yard pass play from Frazier to wingback Clester Johnson, who jumped to make the catch over a Colorado defender.

Frazier passed 7 yards to wingback Jon Vedral for another touchdown with 10 seconds remaining in the first half to cap a nine-play, 83-yard drive, which was helped by three Colorado penalties.

The Buffaloes were penalized 12 times for 92 yards. Nebraska wasn't penalized once.

Colorado also couldn't match the leadership Frazier provided.

"Tommie is, in all of my years playing and watching college football, the best quarterback I've seen," said Colorado cornerback T.J. Cunningham.

Frazier capped his performance by scoring from 2 yards out to finish off a 12-play, 74-yard drive in the closing minutes of the game. Nebraska's only other points in the second half came on two field goals by Brown. ■

## STATISTICS VS. COLORADO

	NU	CU
First Downs	26	20
Rushing	11	6
Passing	10	14
Penalty	5	0
Rushing Attempts	54	24
Yards Gained	250	113
Yards Lost	24	7
Net Yards Rushing	226	106
Net Yards Passing	241	276
Passes Attempted	23	43
Passes Completed	14	21
Held Intercepted	0	2
Total Plays	77	67
Total Net Yards	467	382
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.1	5.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	0/0	12/92
Punts/Yards	2/84	6/250
Avg. Per Punt	42.0	41.7
Possession Time	35:48	24:12
Third-Down Conversions	8-16	4-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	2-3
Sacks By/Yards	2/6	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	21	10	3	10	44
Colorado	7	7	7	0	21

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Green	18	103	6	97	2	57
Frazier	13	50	10	40	0	11
Childs	10	50	6	44	0	15
Makovicka, Jeff	8	26	2	24	0	9
Benning	3	13	0	13	0	6
Makovicka, Joel	1	7	0	7	0	7
Schuster	1	1	0	1	0	1
Colorado	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Troutman	11	73	1	72	0	16
Henry	10	27	0	27	0	6
Hessler	3	13	6	7	0	13

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.-Cmp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng		
Frazier	23-14-0	241	2	52		
Colorado	Att.-Cmp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng		
Hessler	43-21-2	276	2	49		

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Johnson	3	72	24.0	1	52	
Gilman	3	53	17.7	0	26	
Green	2	44	22.0	0	35	
Vedral	2	34	17.0	1	27	
Baul	2	12	6.0	0	8	
Holbein	1	16	16.0	0	16	
Makovicka, Jeff	1	10	10.0	0	10	
Colorado	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Savoy	8	74	9.3	1	18	
Carruth	7	92	13.1	0	26	
Troutman	2	29	14.5	0	21	
Kidd	1	49	49.0	1	49	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Benning	2	3	1.5	0	2	
Colorado	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Rosga	1	-8	-8.0	0	0	

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Childs	2	30	15.0	0	18	
Colorado	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Henry	4	70	17.5	0	22	
Troutman	2	33	16.5	0	20	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
Brown	3	3	37			
Colorado	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						

DEFENSE									
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks		
Williams, J.	5	3	8	0-0	0	0	0		
Farley	3	4	7	0-0	1	0	0		
Williams, T.	3	2	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Colman	2	3	5	1-1	1	0	0		
Veland	4	1	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Minter	5	0	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Hesse	1	3	4	0-0	0	1	0		
Wistrom	4	0	4	0-0	0	1	0		
Booker	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Peter, C.	3	0	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Dennis	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Peter, J.	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Kelsay	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Stokes	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	0		
Jenkins	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	0		





# NEBRASKA 73 *Cornhuskers* IOWA STATE 14 *Cyclones*



GAME 9 • November 4, 1995 • Attendance: 75,505 • Memorial Stadium • Lincoln, Neb.

## Cyclones Blown Away In 73-14 Romp

It was a game in search of a final score, which top-ranked Nebraska could have named on this Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

The Cornhuskers were overwhelming, almost unstoppable.

"I've been in college football for 25 years, as a player and a coach, and that's as fine a team as I've ever played or coached against," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said after

**Finding running room proved difficult for Iowa State and the nation's leading rusher, Troy Davis. Davis, who was averaging 190.7 yards a game was held to 121 on 28 carries.**

watching his Cyclones lose, 73-14.

Nebraska's 73 points were the most ever scored against Iowa State. But the Cornhuskers hadn't tried to run up the score, according to McCarney. "Not at all," he said.

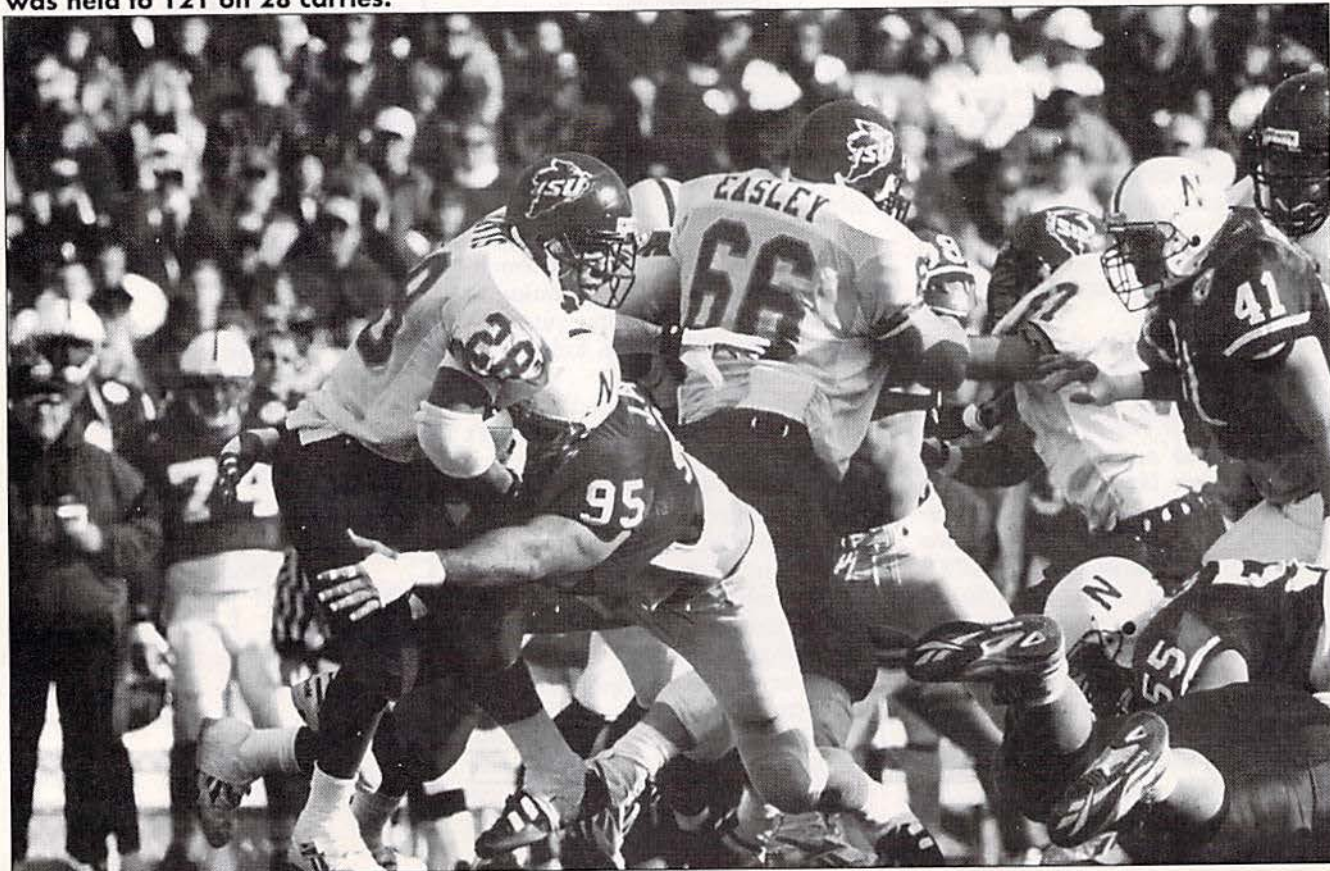
Tom Osborne "is a class act. I've always said that, and I believe it. He substituted freely and often, and never, at any time in the game, did I think they were trying to run it up. They were just in another league. We're not even close to the football team Nebraska has. No matter who we put on the field or who they put on the field, we couldn't stop Nebraska."

Osborne used 96 players, including 15 who carried the ball at least once, as the Cornhuskers rushed for 624 yards. Freshman Ahman Green accounted for 176 of those yards on only 12 carries. He also scored four touchdowns, three on rushes, the fourth on a shovel pass.

"I thought Ahman played great," Osborne said. The simplicity of his summation was punctuated by a brief silence, then a smile.

"I think all of our backs played well," he said.

Clinton Childs gained 70 yards on only six carries. Lawrence Phillips, playing for the first time since being



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suspended after the Michigan State game, picked up 68 yards on 12 carries. And quarterback Tommie Frazier ran eight times for 62 yards and two touchdowns to complement 10-of-15 passing for 118 yards and two touchdowns.

Frazier established a Nebraska career record for touchdowns by rushing and passing (75). He broke Steve Taylor's career record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (32). And he tied David Humm's record for touchdown passes (41).

Frazier is 70-of-123 this season for 1,148 yards and 15 touchdowns. He has thrown only two interceptions. "He's throwing with a lot more confidence now," said split end Reggie Baul, who caught a 36-yard touchdown pass from Frazier.

"He shows more patience." As a result, "we're about as confident with our passing game as our running game right now," Baul said.

Frazier threw only three passes in the second half before being given the rest of the afternoon off.

He shoved his first touchdown pass to Green just under nine minutes into the first quarter, as Nebraska built a 14-0 lead before Iowa State's first play from scrimmage.

The Cornhuskers took the opening kickoff and drove 69 yards on eight plays to score, with Frazier running the final 4 yards.

Nebraska got the ball right back when Eric Stokes recovered the ensuing kickoff at the Cyclone 41-yard line. Kris Brown's high kickoff was held up in the wind.

The Cyclones had the ball for less than four minutes of the first quarter, seriously limiting tailback Troy Davis' opportunity to run. Davis, a 5-foot-8, 185-pound sophomore from Miami, went into the game as the nation's leading rusher.

He averaged 190.75 yards per game and was on pace to become only the fifth rusher in NCAA Division I-A history to gain more than 2,000 yards in a season. The

others were Barry Sanders, Mike Rozier, Rashaan Salaam and Marcus Allen. Nebraska held Davis well below his per-game average but didn't stop him completely. He finished with 121 yards on 28 carries.

"I don't know how anybody can shut him down," Cornhusker defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said.

Davis had to work for every yard, against a "bubble" defense. "It's a real hard defense to run against because you take away all the cut-back stuff," said McBride.

Davis was limited to 53 yards rushing in the first half, 23 of which came on one run just before the intermission. After one series in the second half, Nebraska's first defense went to the sideline to watch the remainder of the game, defensive tackle Christian Peter said.

"We came into this week focused," Peter said. "We had to stop Troy Davis."

The only other player to rush for 100 or more yards against Nebraska this season was Oklahoma State's David Thompson, who gained 128 yards.

"Under the circumstances, he gave a good effort," McCarney said. "They didn't allow us to do near the things we (would have) liked to offensively. Their front seven are really, really a physical front seven. I didn't see many times when we were knocking red jerseys back off the football like we have in the other eight games this year."

Mike Minter and Jamel Williams each were credited with six tackles. Stokes and Terrell Farley made five apiece.

Luther Hardin, a senior outside linebacker, got his first start, replacing Jared Tomich, who was slowed by a sore back. Tomich played, however, and recorded the game's only sack.

"Our goal is to hold people under 285 yards," McBride said. The Cornhuskers accomplished that.

Iowa State finished with 264 yards. ■



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**Nebraska could have named the score against the Cyclones, who were victimized for 73 points.**

## STATISTICS VS. IOWA STATE

	NU	ISU
First Downs	37	15
Rushing	29	6
Passing	6	8
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	68	32
Yards Gained	635	135
Yards Lost	11	14
Net Yards Rushing	624	121
Net Yards Passing	152	143
Passes Attempted	21	24
Passes Completed	13	11
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Plays	89	56
Total Net Yards	776	264
Avg. Gain Per Play	8.7	4.7
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	8/89	4/36
Punts/Yards	0/0	6/215
Avg. Per Punt	0.0	35.8
Possession Time	35:59	24:01
Third-Down Conversions	4/11	2/11
Fourth-Down Conversions	4/5	1/1
Sacks By/Yards	1/4	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	20	18	28	7	73
Iowa State	0	7	0	7	14

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Green	12	176	0	176	3	64
Childs	6	70	0	70	1	18
Phillips	12	68	0	68	1	13
Frazier	8	62	0	62	2	14
Schuster	1	55	0	55	0	55
Makovicka, Jeff	5	48	9	39	0	27
Benning	5	35	0	35	0	10
Makovicka, Joel	2	31	0	31	1	18
Sims	5	25	0	25	0	9
Johnson	1	15	0	15	0	15
Legate	2	12	0	12	0	7
Iowa St.	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Davis	28	129	8	121	0	23
Norris	1	6	0	6	1	6

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	15	10	0	118	2	36
Berringer	6	3	0	34	0	17
Iowa St.	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Bandhauer	24	11	2	143	1	24

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	Tds.	Lng	
Baul	4	48	12.0	1	36	
Vedral	2	35	17.5	0	23	
Green	2	22	11.0	1	16	
Benning	1	17	17.0	0	17	
Johnson	1	14	14.0	0	14	
Holbein	1	9	9.0	0	9	
Brown	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Phillips	1	2	2.0	0	2	
Iowa St.	No.	Yds.	YPC	Tds.	Lng	
Horacek	5	66	13.2	0	24	
Williams	4	45	11.3	1	15	
Guggenheim	1	19	19.0	0	19	
Davis	1	13	13.0	0	13	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Fullman	1	11	11.0	0	11	
McFarlin	1	2	2.0	0	2	
Iowa St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
None						

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Childs	2	49		0	31	
Iowa St.	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.	Lng	
Davis	3	56		0	27	
Rhany	3	47		0	18	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
Brown	1	1	38			

DEFENSE						
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For Loss	Int.	Sacks
Minter	2	4	6	0-0	1	0
Williams, J.	2	4	6	1-7	0	0
Farley	0	5	5	0-0	0	0
Stokes	0	5	5	0-0	0	0
Peter, J.	1	3	4	1-1	0	0
Rucker	0	4	4	0-0	0	0
Hardin	1	2	3	0-0	0	0
Wistrom	1	2	3	0-0	0	0
Fullman	1	1	2	0-0	1	0
Tomich	1	0	1	1-4	0	1





# NEBRASKA 41 *Cornhuskers* KANSAS 3 *Jayhawks*



GAME 10 • November 11, 1995 • Attendance: 50,300 • Memorial Stadium • Lawrence, Kan.

## Miscues, Frazier Doom Upstart Jayhawks

Murphy's Law: If something can go wrong, it will. And it did for the 10th-ranked Kansas football team in Lawrence.

It did during the first half, anyway. At the intermission, top-ranked Nebraska led the Jayhawks 14-3, on the way to a 41-3 victory.

There were those in a sellout crowd of 50,300 (which far exceeded the official capacity of Kansas' Memorial Stadium) who claimed the Cornhuskers were lucky to be ahead at the half.

As someone once said, however, luck is the residue of design. From that point of view, Nebraska's modest halftime lead was no accident.

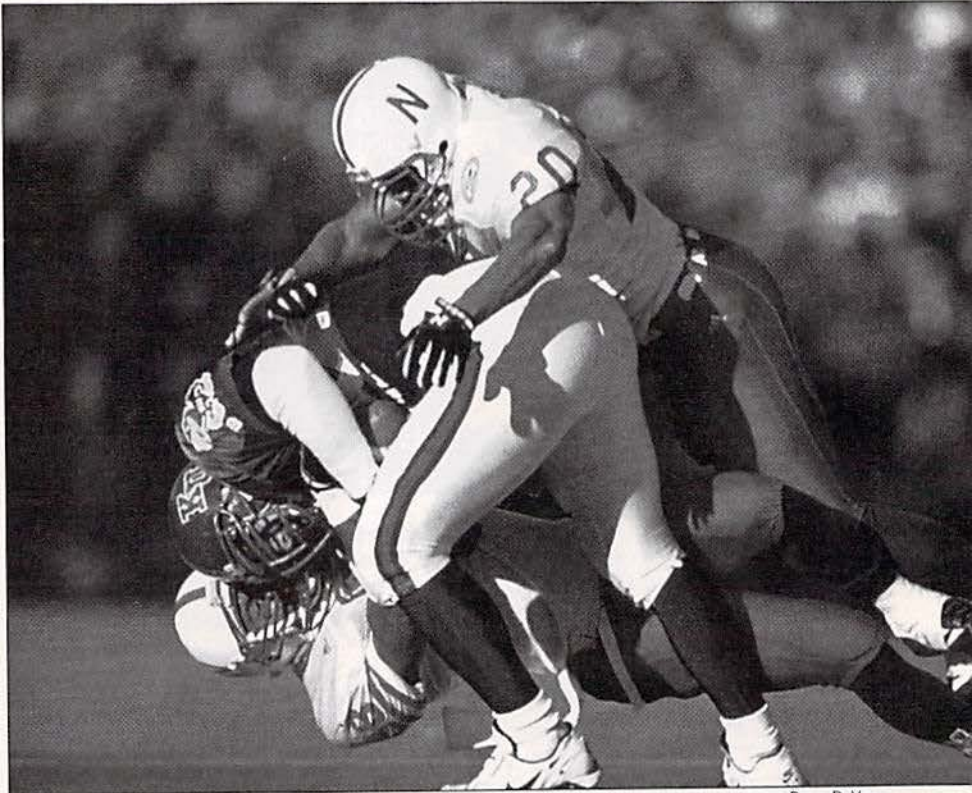
"It seemed like we were a little out of sync the first half," coach Tom Osborne said.

But for the mishaps that beset Kansas, the Cornhuskers might have been scoreless during the first 30 minutes. Consider Nebraska's touch-downs.

Jon Vedral scored the first, by recovering an Isaac Byrd fumble in the end zone. Byrd fumbled a Jesse Kosch punt, after the Jayhawk defense forced Nebraska to go three downs and out on its first possession.

Byrd appeared to be distracted by Chad Kelsay, the first Cornhusker down the field on punt coverage. Kelsay attempted to recover the fumble. The ball was accidentally kicked into the end zone, and the opportunistic Vedral fell on it. Kris Brown kicked the extra point, and Nebraska led 7-0 less than six minutes into the game.

Eight minutes later, Tommie Frazier scored the second touch-down, from a yard out, on the third play following Tony Veland's recovery of a June Henley fumble at his



Doug DeVoe

own 30-yard line. The Jayhawks turned over the ball three more times by game's end, all three on pass interceptions.

Nebraska turned the five turnovers into 27 points.

"We made too many mistakes," said Jayhawk coach Glen Mason.

Kansas played an inspired first half, however, to hold Nebraska scoreless in the second quarter and create some drama for an audience that included as many as 20,000 Cornhusker fans — concerned Cornhusker fans, it should be noted.

Osborne shared their concern. "I was very concerned at the half," he said. "Other than those breaks, it should have been an even ball-

**Kansas stumbled offensively in its biggest test of the year, managing only a second-quarter field goal.**

game."

Kansas outgained Nebraska in the first half, 199 yards to 110 yards. The Jayhawks ran 48 plays to Nebraska's 25, and had a significant advantage in time of possession. But their only points came on a 19-yard field goal by Jeff McCord, after an 86-yard drive ended 2 yards from the end zone.

Kansas also ended Nebraska's string of quarters without a turnover



at 17 by recovering an errant backward pass by Brook Berringer. The ball was intended for Lawrence Phillips, who didn't react quickly enough to make the recovery, presumably because he thought it was an incomplete pass.

Berringer was playing in place of Frazier, who had gone to the locker-room because of a sore foot. He returned for the next series.

After three plays, which gained only 3 yards, Kansas lined up to punt back to the Cornhuskers. The snap from center sailed over punter Darrin Simmons' head, however.

Simmons recovered at his own 23-yard line. Nebraska took possession there, but couldn't capitalize, losing 2 yards on fourth down from the Jayhawks' 15-yard line.

Kansas then put together an impressive drive under the direction of senior quarterback Mark Williams, who nullified Nebraska's pass rush with short drops. He completed 9-of-12 passes on the drive, but the 12th was intercepted by Tyrone Williams. If something can go wrong...

The Jayhawks' misfortunes continued minutes later, after a lost fumble by Ahman Green gave them a final opportunity before halftime.

But time elapsed as McCord prepared to attempt a 39-yard field goal, set up by a facemask penalty on Nebraska that moved the ball to the Cornhusker 22-yard line.

The problem was, Kansas had used its timeouts and couldn't stop the clock to set up for McCord's kick.

Despite its statistical advantage, Kansas trailed by 11 points.

By halftime, "we had decided what we needed to do," Osborne said. That was immediately apparent, as the Cornhuskers used good field position, resulting from Damon Benning's 42-yard second-half kickoff return, to initiate an eight-play, 58-yard touchdown drive, capped by Frazier's 1-yard pass to tight end Vershan

Jackson.

The reception was the second of the season for Jackson, a sophomore from Omaha who stepped up after senior Mark Gilman was sidelined by a sprained ankle. Tim Carpenter also missed the game. He underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in late October.

The injuries at tight end affected Nebraska's ability to run with the ball, according to Osborne. The Cornhuskers finished with 289 yards on the ground, well below their then nation-leading average (426).

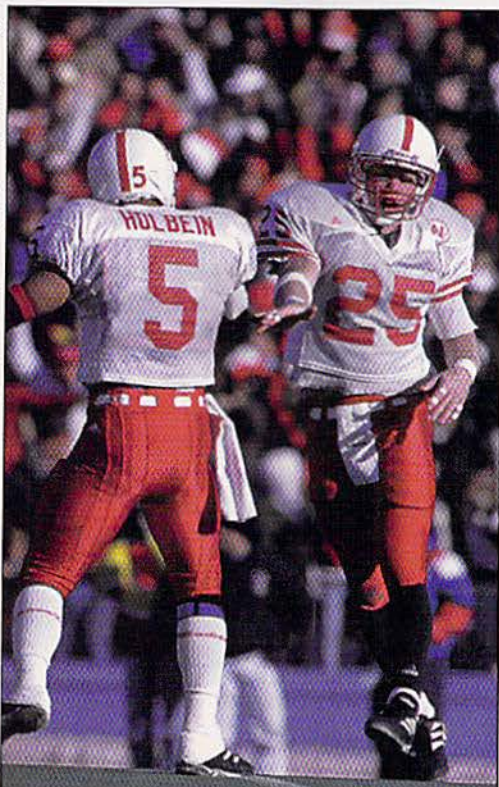
Frazier gained 99 yards and scored two touchdowns on 10 carries to lead Nebraska's ball carriers.

Green was limited to 45 yards rushing on 10 carries. Even so, he became the first freshman in Big Eight history to rush for 1,000 yards. He now has 1,042 rushing yards.

Phillips also carried 10 times for 47 yards and one touchdown. The score was set up by a Phil Ellis pass interception late in the third quarter.

Frazier passed for 86 yards, to give him 185 yards of total offense for the game. That was enough to move him ahead of Jerry Tagge to No. 1 on Nebraska's all-time list.

The Cornhusker defense finished the scoring when Mike Fullman, the No. 2 left cornerback, intercepted a Ben Rutz pass and returned it 86 yards for a touchdown with 6:56 remaining. ■



Doug DeVoe

**Nebraska turned five Kansas turnovers into 27 points, including a mishandled punt return which Jon Vedral (25) fell on in the end zone.**

## STATISTICS VS. KANSAS

	NU	KU
First Downs	20	25
Rushing	14	10
Passing	5	14
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	51	32
Yards Gained	304	127
Yards Lost	15	55
Net Yards Rushing	289	72
Net Yards Passing	86	273
Passes Attempted	15	50
Passes Completed	10	30
Had Intercepted	1	3
Total Plays	66	82
Total Net Yards	375	345
Avg. Gain Per Play	5.7	4.2
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	3/2
Penalties/Yards	2/20	5/42
Punts/Yards	3/125	4/133
Avg. Per Punt	41.7	33.3
Possession Time	28:36	31:24
Third-Down Conversions	4/9	8/16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0/1	0/2
Sacks By/Yards	1/3	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Nebraska	14	0	14	13	41
Kansas	0	3	0	0	3

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Frazier	10	101	2	99	2	28
Green	10	48	3	45	0	15
Phillips	10	48	1	47	1	15
Childs	5	28	0	28	0	17
Makovicka, Jeff	5	25	0	25	0	12
Benning	4	25	3	22	0	12
Schuster	4	12	0	12	0	4
Makovicka, Joel	1	8	0	8	0	8
Berringer	2	9	6	3	0	9
Kansas	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Levine	13	55	8	47	0	14
Henley	7	15	1	14	0	4
Williams	3	16	9	7	0	16
Vann	8	41	1	40	0	17

PASSING				
Nebraska	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Frazier	15-10-1	86	1	16
Kansas	Att.-Comp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng
Williams	45-27-2	242	0	29
Rutz	5-3-1	31	0	13

RECEIVING					
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng
Johnson	4	50	12.5	0	16
Jackson, S.	2	13	6.5	0	10
Holbein	1	14	14.0	0	14
Vedral	1	6	6.0	0	6
Phillips	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jackson, V.	1	1	1.0	1	1
Kansas	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng
Levine	9	51	5.7	0	13
Byrd	6	71	11.8	0	17
Smith	6	48	8.0	0	12
Moore	3	40	13.3	0	29

PUNT RETURNS				
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.
Fullman	1	0	0.0	0
Kansas	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.
Byrd	1	-15	-15.0	0

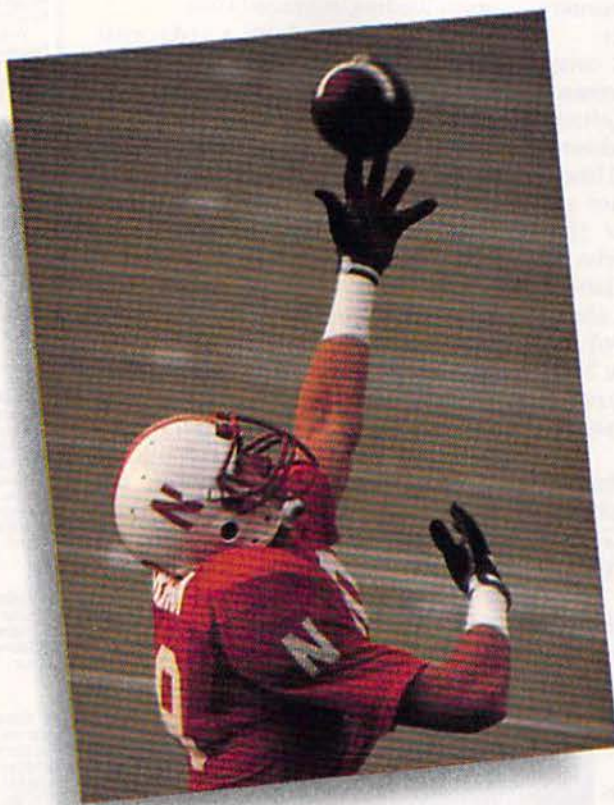
KICKOFF RETURNS				
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.
Benning	2	58	29.0	0
Kansas	No.	Yds.	YPR	Tds.
Smith, A.	5	102	20.4	0

FIELD GOALS			
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng
Brown	0	0	0
Kansas	Att.	Made	Lng
McCord	1	1	19

DEFENSE							
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks
Williams, J.	3	7	10	2-8	0	0	0
Booker	4	5	9	0-0	0	0	0
Farley	3	6	9	2-5	0	0	0
Colman	3	4	7	0-0	0	0	0
Peter, J.	0	6	6	0-0	0	0	0
Wistrom	1	5	6	1-1	0	0	0
Williams, T.	4	2	6	0-0	1	0	0
Minter	2	3	5	0-0	0	0	0
Peter, C.	0	4	4	0-0	0	0	0
Kelsay	3	1	4	0-0	0	0	0
Tomich	2	1	3	1-3	0	1	0
Fullman	1	1	2	0-0	1	0	0
Ellis	0	1	1	0-0	1	0	0



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# NEBRASKA 37 *Cornhuskers* OKLAHOMA 0 *Sooners*



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## Sooners' Slide Turns Into Husker Fiesta

Tom Osborne wore a Fiesta Bowl sun sticker to the South Stadium varsity lounge for his interview following Nebraska's 37-0 victory against Oklahoma. John Junker, the executive director of the Fiesta Bowl, wore a red Cornhusker sweatshirt beneath his bright yellow Fiesta Bowl sport-coat.

Make that the "Tostitos Fiesta Bowl," Osborne said near the end of the interview.

"We're supposed to say that," Osborne added as the small contingent of Fiesta Bowl representatives, which included Junker, applauded the inclusion of the bowl's new title sponsor.

The Tostitos sponsorship has enabled the Fiesta Bowl to pay participants in its Jan. 2, 1996 game at Tempe, Ariz., approximately \$13 million apiece. Not bad for a night's work. Plus, college football's national championship will be at stake.

That defending national champion Nebraska would be one of the participants was apparent following the completion of the Cornhuskers' third consecutive undefeated regular season and their 24th consecutive victory overall. But the Fiesta Bowl had to wait until Dec. 3 to make it official.

Make that the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. No disrespect intended.

Under the provisions of the Bowl Alliance, no invitation to its three bowls (Fiesta, Sugar and Orange) could be extended until Dec. 3. In Nebraska's case, however, that was

only a formality, a fact duly noted by the more demonstrative members in the Memorial Stadium crowd of 75,662.

Cornhusker scores against Oklahoma produced showers of tortillas (Tostitos are crunchy tortillas, for the one or two who might not know), which were considerably less hazardous than the projectiles symbolic of the Orange Bowl — until this season, the Big Eight champion's destination.

The first tortilla shower came less than five minutes into the game when true freshman Kris Brown kicked the first of his three field goals. The 31-yarder was all Nebraska needed for its 11th victory and fifth in a row against Oklahoma. The Cornhusker defense would see to that by holding Oklahoma scoreless for the first time since Oct. 24, 1942. You can look it up.

"Today, it was the defense's turn to carry the load," said Jason Peter, Nebraska's sophomore defensive tackle. "What the heck? The offense has done it (carried the load) often enough this year."

Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator, was profuse in his praise of the perfor-

mance.

"The kids played as good on defense as they have since I've been here," said McBride, who is in his 19th year as an Osborne assistant. "You know what makes for champi-

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ons?"

McBride answered his own question in the unmistakable style of Kent Pavelka, the radio network voice of the Cornhuskers. "Defense, defense, defense," he said. "These kids did everything you can ask for."

"This was an inspired, incredible

**With pressure coming from the outside in the forms of Jared Tomich (93) and Grant Wistrom, Oklahoma was forced inside where it was greeted roughly.**





Bob Berry

performance by a lot of different people (on defense)."

The defense not only shut out the somewhat self-destructive Sooners but also contributed two touchdowns to the cause. The first came on a 36-yard interception return by Jamel Williams less than two minutes after Brown's first field goal. The second came on a 57-yard fumble return by Tony Veland midway through the third quarter.

Nebraska was leading 13-0 at the time Veland scored. By that point, Osborne, never one to make assumptions, sensed victory.

"I never felt we were going to get beat, but it took a little pressure off to go ahead 20-0. The way they were moving the ball, it didn't look like 20 points was something they were going to be able to overcome," he said.

The way the Sooners were moving the ball might best be described as not very well. And even though they did manage to compete a pass or two in succession, they had a propensity toward impeding their own progress. In addition to three turnovers, they drew 97 yards in penalties.

The Sooners' offense, however it was short-circuited, managed 241 total yards, only 51 of which came on the ground. What little offensive success Oklahoma had came on the passing of senior Garrick McGee, who replaced redshirt freshman Eric Moore at quarterback to start the second quarter.

"I was surprised they switched

**I-back Lawrence Phillips carried the load (73 yards on 15 carries) as Oklahoma allowed a season high of 271 rushing yards in the regular season finale.**

quarterbacks (so quickly)," Nebraska's Jared Tomich said.

The junior outside linebacker shouldn't have been all that surprised. He was responsible, in part, for Moore's quick departure. Tomich and sophomore Grant Wistrom, the starting outside linebacker on the other side, spent the windy afternoon harassing first Moore and then McGee.

At times, Osborne said, the powerful Tomich simply shoved the offensive linemen attempting to block him into the quarterback. Tomich had two sacks among his five tackles.

Wistrom was credited with six tackles, including two for losses totaling 13 yards. He was chosen by ABC television as the Cornhuskers' outstanding player of the game.

Nebraska established school single-season records for points (52.4) and yards (556.3) per game, surpassing the averages (52.0, 546.7) of the 1983 "Scoring Explosion" team.

The Cornhuskers' offensive totals were modest by those standards, however. And the offense didn't contribute a touchdown until 48 seconds into the fourth quarter when quarterback Tommie Frazier teamed with wingback Jon Vedral on a 38-yard scoring pass.

Fullback Joel Makovicka scored a second touchdown with 44 seconds remaining in the game on a 17-yard run that carried through the middle of Oklahoma's weary defense. ■

## STATISTICS VS. OKLAHOMA

	NU	OU
First Downs	26	12
Rushing	17	3
Passing	8	9
Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	56	30
Yards Gained	289	94
Yards Lost	18	43
Net Yards Rushing	271	51
Net Yards Passing	136	190
Passes Attempted	27	34
Passes Completed	13	13
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Plays	83	64
Total Net Yards	407	241
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.9	3.8
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	3/1
Penalties/Yards	3-24	9-97
Punts/Yards	4/172	10/417
Avg. Per Punt	43.0	41.7
Possession Time	32:46	27:14
Third-Down Conversions	3-14	3-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-3	2-3
Sacks By/Yards	2/15	0/0

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	10	3	10	14	37

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING						
Nebraska	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Phillips	15	77	4	73	0	25
Makovicka, Joel	4	45	0	45	1	17
Green	13	48	4	44	0	13
Frazier	10	36	1	35	0	11
Childs	4	32	0	32	0	13
Makovicka, Jeff	4	16	1	15	0	6
Schuster	3	14	0	14	0	6
Berninger	3	21	8	13	0	15
Oklahoma	Att.	Yds.	Loss	Net	TD	Lng
Moore, J.	14	47	8	39	0	12
Allen	7	19	0	19	0	5
McGee	5	22	4	18	0	8

PASSING						
Nebraska	Att.-Cmp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng		
Frazier	25-12-1	128	1	38		
Berninger	2-1-0	8	0	8		
Kansas	Att.-Cmp.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Lng		
McGee	30-15-1	159	0	31		
Moore	4-1-1	31	0	31		

RECEIVING						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Baul	4	38	9.5	0	12	
Holbein	2	20	10.0	0	10	
Johnson	2	19	9.5	0	11	
Green	2	1	0.5	0	2	
Vedral	1	38	38.0	1	38	
Gilman	1	17	17.0	0	17	
Phillips	1	3	3.0	0	3	
Oklahoma	No.	Yds.	YPC	TD	Lng	
Alexander	6	71	11.8	0	31	
Mills	4	76	19.0	0	31	
Penny	3	27	9.0	0	13	

PUNT RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Fullman	4	79	19.8	0	48	
Berninger	3	31	10.3	0	14	
Oklahoma	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
None						

KICKOFF RETURNS						
Nebraska	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
None						
Oklahoma	No.	Yds.	YPR	TD	Lng	
Mills	2	24	12.0	0	12	
Penny	1	13	13.0	0	13	

FIELD GOALS						
Nebraska	Att.	Made	Lng			
Brown	4	3	35			
Oklahoma	Att.	Made	Lng			
None						

DEFENSE									
Nebraska	UT	AT	TT	For	Loss	Int.	Sacks		
Veland	5	2	7	1-1	0	0	0		
Winstrom	4	2	6	2-13	0	0	0		
Farley	2	4	6	0-0	0	0	0		
Minter	3	2	5	2-12	0	0	0		
Peter, C.	0	5	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Foreman	1	4	5	0-0	0	0	0		
Tomich	2	3	5	2-15	0	2	0		
Williams, J.	2	2	4	1-1	1	0	0		
Peter, J.	1	3	4	0-0	0	0	0		
Colman	0	3	3	0-0	0	0	0		
Ellis	1	1	2	0-0	0	0	0		
Booker	0	1	1	0-0	1	0	0		





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*Faith and team help Osborne get through difficult championship season*

**By MIKE BABCOCK**

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

And Tom Osborne was sustained by his religious faith.

"There were times I was running on empty," Osborne said the morning after his Cornhuskers defeated Florida 62-24 in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl to complete a second consecutive undefeated and untied season and earn a second consecutive national championship.

"I take my spiritual life very seriously," said Osborne, who once considered studying for the ministry.

Because of the much-publicized tribulations of his 23rd season as head coach, "I relied on my faith more than I ever have," he said. "I was grateful for the sustaining strength that was there."

The 1995 season should have been

**It was an emotional roller coaster for Tom Osborne during his most difficult season.**

Osborne's most enjoyable. The team was his best, he said, establishing a school record for consecutive victories and rarely being challenged.

Arguing the point would be difficult. Nebraska's closest game was a 35-21 non-conference victory against Washington State at Memorial Stadium. And that score was a little misleading. The Cornhuskers led 28-7 after three quarters, then lost concentration before closing out the Cougars in matter-of-fact fashion.

Nebraska rolled through the Big Eight, winning a fifth consecutive conference title, the last four outright. According to Osborne, the Big Eight was the strongest it has been since 1971, when the Cornhuskers, Oklahoma and Colorado earned the top three places in the final *Associated Press* poll, according to Osborne.

The AP rankings for 1995 supported Osborne's opinion. Colorado was No. 5 (and No. 4 in the USA

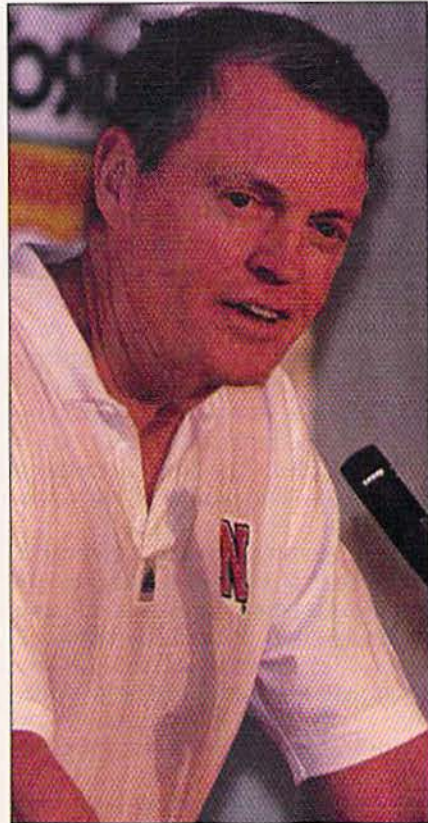
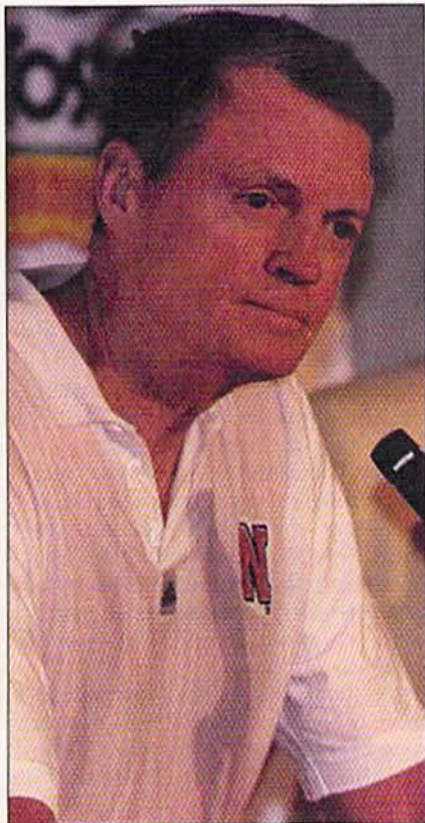
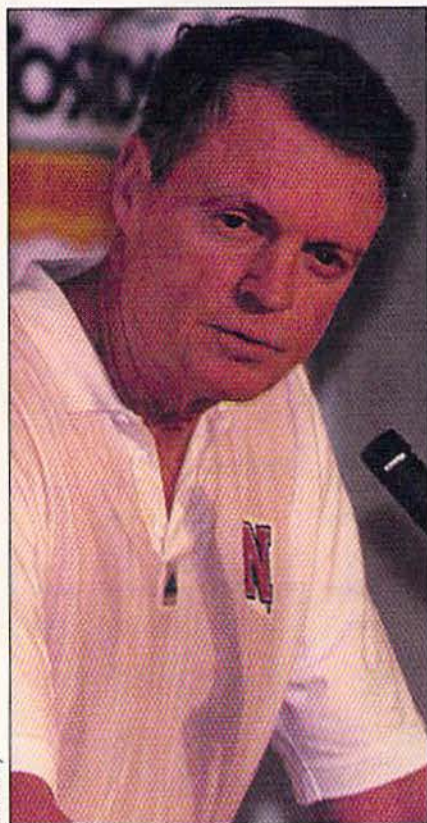
*Today/CNN* coaches' poll). Kansas State was No. 7. And Kansas was No. 9.

Like Nebraska, the other three posted decisive bowl game victories. Yet the closest any of them could come to the Cornhuskers was 23 points.

Colorado, ranked No. 7 at the time, fell behind 21-7 in the first quarter at Boulder, and finished a 44-21 loser against No. 2-ranked Nebraska. The next week, the Cornhuskers moved to No. 1, where they remained.

But for a loss to Kansas, also at home, Colorado might have finished No. 3 — or even No. 2. The Buffaloes were as talented as any team Nebraska played, according to defensive backs coach George Darlington.

The Colorado experience served Nebraska well in the Fiesta Bowl game. "Quite frankly, I thought Colorado had more speed than





Florida," Darlington said after the Cornhuskers grounded Florida's aerial offense, which flew on the arm of quarterback Danny Wuerffel.

The Gators' speed at wide receiver? "We knew we had seen it before," said Darlington. As a result, there was no fear in the Nebraska secondary at Sun Devil Stadium.

Florida underestimated the Cornhuskers. "They all feel we can't run with them," Darlington said. "But I think we can run with a lot of people."

By the time opponents realize that, it's too late. "The fat lady has sung," he said. The tune grated on the Gators' sensibility.

Without question, the maestro of Nebraska's orchestra (to extend the musical metaphor beyond what probably is reasonable) was quarterback Tommie Frazier, who performed with exceptional grace from an opening victory against Oklahoma State through the final devastation of Florida.

Frazier, along with Osborne, provided stability in the midst of an off-the-field tempest that would have torn apart a team with less resolve. He was a constant in a season of uncertainty.

"That's the way I want to be remembered, as a player who gave everything he had, no matter what the situation," Frazier said. He was surrounded by others who shared that selfless desire. It is the signature of championship teams.

Many of those, including Frazier, have finished their careers at Nebraska. At least 14 others, and probably 15, off the Fiesta Bowl two-deeps must be replaced when the Cornhuskers attempt to win an unprecedented third consecutive national championship as members of the newly-formed Big 12 Conference in 1996.

In addition to the 15 seniors on the top two units, junior I-back Lawrence Phillips, the focus of the greatest controversy, almost certainly will leave for the National Football League. Phillips rushed for 165 yards and scored three touchdowns in the Fiesta Bowl game. Afterward, Osborne advised him to bypass his final season of collegiate eligibility.

"I told him to turn pro," Osborne said. "I'm sure he will. He will always be a marked man (at Nebraska). And after last night, he will probably be a first-round draft pick."

Osborne handled the Phillips situ-

ation, and the others of a similar nature, in a manner consistent with his 23 seasons as head coach.

Yet there were those who questioned his motives. Such questioning, particularly from within a home state to which he has given so much of himself, affected Osborne deeply. He is not one who sheds unjustified criticism without feeling its sting.

Osborne long ago fashioned his place in college football history, alongside its greatest coaches. His position as the nation's winningest active NCAA Division I-A football coach by percentage was solidified in 1995. His record is now a remarkable 231-47-3 (.827), with 25 victories in a row, two national titles and

counting.

Yet the Cornhuskers extraordinary success was bittersweet.

"It was a terrible year. And it was a great year," Osborne said. "It was taxing. On the other hand, it was very gratifying to work with a group of players who had the kind of focus and drive to carry them through. That was the redeeming factor."

Nebraska and Nebraskans can be thankful to that group of players, not only for earning a second national championship but also for helping Osborne get through his most difficult season.

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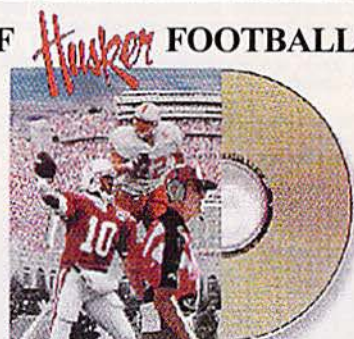
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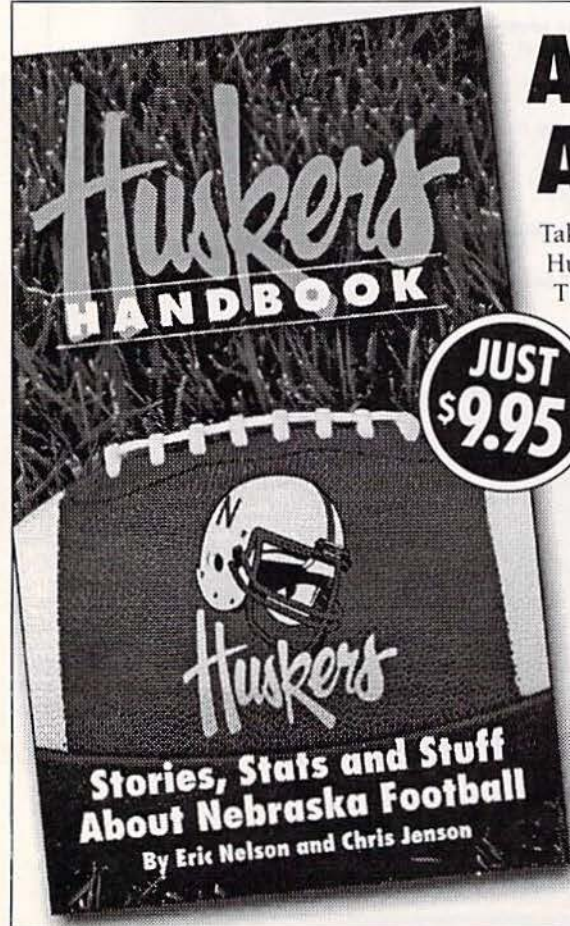
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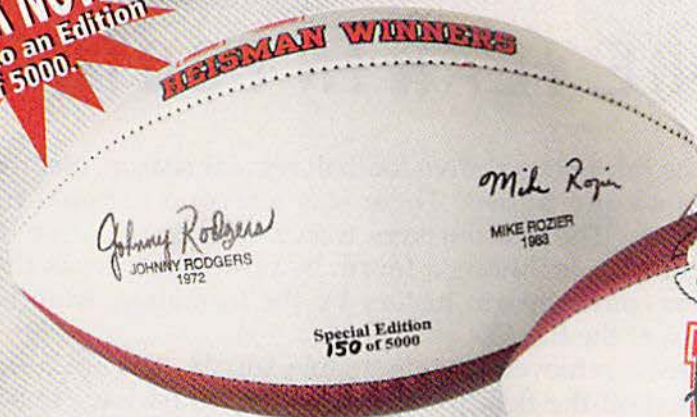




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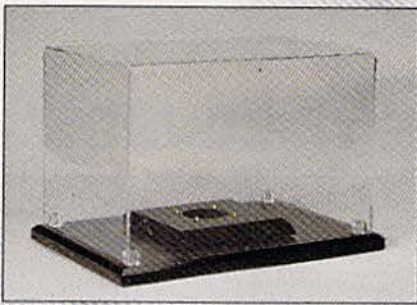
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# BEST and WORST of 1995

## THE YEAR IN FOOTBALL

For the third-consecutive football regular season, Nebraska was undefeated and untied. There was a second national title in as many years. The Cornhuskers won a fifth consecutive Big Eight championship, including a fourth in a row outright, as the conference was committed to history by the formation, from economic necessity, of the Big 12.

Nebraska achieved its remarkable success despite some much-publicized off-the-field problems, which would have to be regarded as the worst of 1995. No need to mention them here. It's a new year, 1996. Such unpleasanties can remain in the past, pushed aside by all of the positive things that happened.

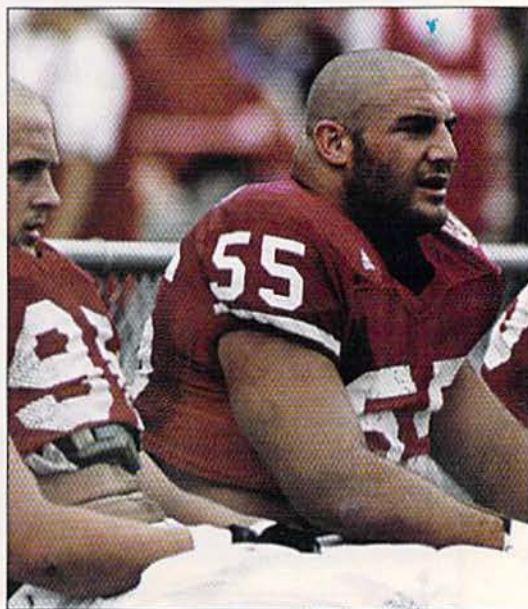
Before moving into the future, however, *Huskers Illustrated* offers one last look at the 1995 football season, some highlights, and maybe a couple of low lights, for your consideration. As always, the list is highly subjective, and by no means definitive. Feel free to amend it in any manner that suits you.

This should be regarded as an exercise in participatory journalism.

## HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

Prior to the season, Nebraska defensive players shaved their heads as a show of solidarity. The plan apparently was instigated by senior co-captain Christian Peter (55) and his brother Jason (95). "At the time, I thought it seemed like a good deal. I went willingly," said senior co-captain Phil Ellis, whose estimation of the Mr. Clean look lasted until his fiancée, Jennifer Jardine, saw it.

Shortly after showing Jennifer his shorn locks, Ellis was growing back his hair. Ellis was not among the Cornhuskers pictured with heads bathed in shaving cream in the Dec. 25-Jan. 1 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. The caption says: "This defense is razor sharp." The Peter brothers, Jared Tomich and Grant Wistrom (98) were included in the photograph.







## DID HE REALLY DO THAT?

In the second quarter of the Colorado game, quarterback Tommie Frazier was assailed by Buffaloes' linebacker Mike Phillips, who grabbed Frazier as he was looking to pass. Frazier hesitated, then with Phillips hanging onto him, got off a swing pass to I-back Ahman Green, who converted what appeared to be certain disaster into a 35-yard gain. Nebraska subsequently kicked a field goal.

Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne, in typical understatement, said after the game: "Frazier is a great player."

Osborne and assistant coach Turner Gill grade the quarterbacks on every play of every game. They use a two-point scale. If a play is a "total bust," Gill says, the quarterback gets a zero. If the quarterback does some things right, he gets one point. And if he runs the play correctly, he gets two points.

Gill and Osborne consult after grading each play separately and come to a consensus. Then the points are added and divided by the total number of plays for which the quarterback was responsible. An average of 1.9 or better represents a winning performance, according to Osborne.

What does this have to do with Frazier's pass against Colorado? In rare instances (maybe two or three times a season), Osborne and Gill have decided that a quarterback has done something so unique he deserves extra credit for a particular play. In those instances, the quarterback is given 3 points.

On Frazier's pass against Colorado, "we might have given him a three," Osborne said. To quote the late Satchel Paige, baseball Hall of Fame pitcher and down-home philosopher: "Ain't no maybe-so 'bout it." Frazier definitely earned a 3 for that play, according to Gill.

"That was an exceptional play," said Gill. "You can't coach something like that."

Gill had a 3 (or two) during his career as Nebraska's quarterback from 1981 to 1983. He was nearly perfect, in fact, directing the Cornhuskers' 41-7 victory at Auburn in 1982, according to Osborne. "Turner converted an awful lot of third-down plays in that game," Osborne said. No quarterback has ever earned a perfect 2-point average for a game. But Gill came close that day.

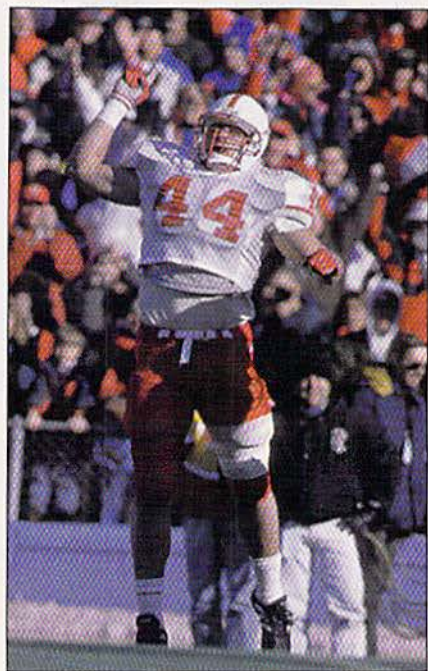


## STUDIOUS LINEBACKER

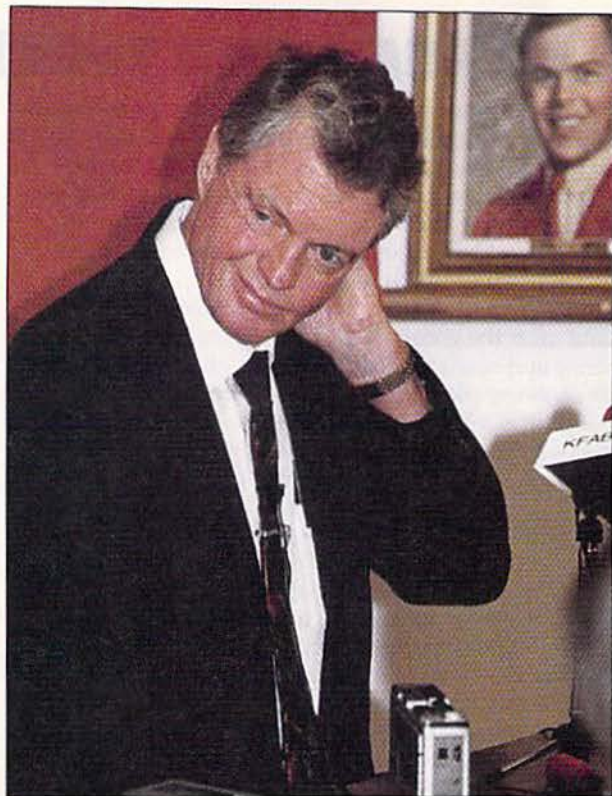
The Cornhuskers have distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as on the football field. Last season, offensive lineman Rob Zatechka drew attention by earning straight A's throughout his college career (and high school, grade school, etc.). This season, Jon Hesse (44), a redshirted junior linebacker, turned in an extraordinary academic performance by earning a degree in three and a half years.

"It's an unusual thing to be able to do in major college football," said Tom Osborne, who could recall no more than two players accomplishing the same thing during his tenure at Nebraska.

Hesse, a B-plus student in psychology, even changed majors during those three and a half years. He was one of six players to graduate at mid-year. The others were Clester Johnson, Phil Ellis, Brook Berringer, Luther Hardin and Aaron Penland, all of whom were fifth-year seniors.







## GOT A TICKET, NEED A TICKET

Again this year, it's Memorial Stadium, where Nebraska now has played in front of an NCAA-record 208 consecutive sellout crowds. And, of course, there is no end in sight for the streak, which began with the Missouri game in 1962.

For one game, however, the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl had to be the season's toughest ticket. "If we had a 200,000-seat stadium, it still wouldn't be big enough," said Fiesta Bowl Executive Director John Junker.

How tough was it? Well, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported that Tom Osborne's brother couldn't get a ticket, even though his relationship was duly noted on the ticket request form. "He didn't get tickets. That's the honest truth," said Osborne. "He was turned down . . . maybe he was turned down because he was my brother."



## ANYBODY GET THE LICENSE NUMBER

Mike Fullman, a transfer from Rutgers who didn't even get mentioned in Nebraska's media guide, returned a punt 79 yards for a touchdown against Kansas State. He got an assist from Mike Rucker, a redshirted freshman outside linebacker from St. Joseph, Mo., on the run-back.

Rucker removed the Wildcats' Joe Gordon from the play with a block that removed Gordon's helmet. Rucker nearly lost a contact lens as a result of the collision near the Nebraska sideline. "I saw this blur and then a helmet coming off," said Rucker.

The number, by the way, was 84.







## RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

There are too many qualifiers in this category to settle on one. So here are a couple, with apologies to several others.

During the Kansas State game, Wildcat quarterback Matt Miller attempted a shovel pass, which Chad Kelsey, the Cornhuskers' true freshman outside linebacker, deflected. Senior Luther Hardin (58), the other outside linebacker, caught the deflection and carried the ball into the end zone for six points.

"There were some strange things happening," Nebraska wingback Jon Vedral said after the game. Strange things such as Vedral's alert recovery of a Clinton Childs' fumble in the end zone for another of the Cornhuskers' touchdowns in the 49-25 victory against the Wildcats.

Senior safety and co-captain Tony Veland was similarly opportunistic in the Oklahoma game, picking up a fumble and returning it 57 yards for a touchdown. "I wanted to go out with a bang," he said.

Terrell Farley joined Jared Tomich in making the hit that caused the fumble. Farley, a transfer from Independence, Kan., Community College, ranked among the most opportunistic Cornhuskers. He blocked two punts and intercepted three passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns.



## RIGHT PLACE, WRONG TIME

James Sims, a sophomore walkon from Omaha, had the fastest 40-yard dash time on the team: 4.41 seconds. He was among the most athletic Cornhuskers, based on strength and conditioning tests. He carried 30 times during the season, for 270 yards and three touchdowns. Figure it out. That's nine yards per carry and a touchdown every 10 carries.

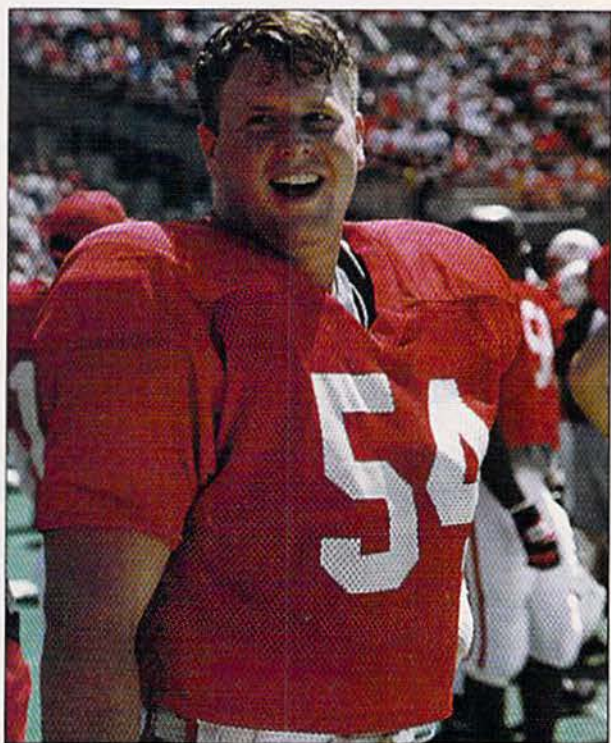
But the competition at I-back was stiff. Sims was behind Ahman Green, Clinton Childs, Damon Benning and Lawrence Phillips on the depth chart. Sims never complained about his situation, however, according to Osborne.

After Phillips was suspended, Sims moved up on the depth chart, but only to No. 4.

## SAY WHAT?

After the Cornhuskers' victory against Missouri, center and co-captain Aaron Graham said: "It could have been real ugly if we clicked on offense like we had in the first five games."

It could have been ugly? Hey, the final score was 57-0. But Nebraska fumbled six times (none of which were lost) and sputtered on occasion near the hapless Tigers' goal line.





# RECRUITING

# Late Start

*Despite not having the recruiting class in place by the first of January, Nebraska is on the verge of having one of its best recruiting years*

**By JAMES HALE**

**T**hough Nebraska didn't secure their recruiting class by Christmas like last year, the Huskers are still on the verge of landing one of the top five recruiting classes in the country.

The fact that Nebraska doesn't have the class filled isn't a sign that this recruiting season is going to be worse than last year's.

Of course, Husker head coach Tom Osborne said that 1995 was an unusual recruiting year, and fans should not expect it to happen again. This year is different, but the Huskers are still off to a great start for the '96 recruiting class, and if things fall right in January, they could pull off one of the top five classes in the nation.

Nebraska has already received eight oral commitments and continues to draw the attention of a number of top-100 athletes on a national basis. The Huskers' recruiting class comes from Nebraska (4), Kansas (1), Missouri (2) and Indiana (1).

Running back **DeAngelo Evans** (5-foot-9, 208 pounds, 4.4 40-yard dash) of Wichita (Kan.) Collegiate

was the first player to commit to Nebraska.

Evans is rated as the top half-back recruit in the country by many publications despite missing six games this season due to an ankle injury. Evans still had a remarkable year. He rushed for 986 yards (10.5 yards per carry) and 19 touchdowns this past season.

Evans finished with a career rushing total of 8,473 yards and 131 touchdowns. Those totals were good enough for fourth all-time in rushing yards and third on the career high school touchdown list.

The Huskers second commitment comes from All-American offensive lineman **Sasho Becarovski** (6-4, 250, 5.0) of St. John's (Ind.) Central.

"I visited Nebraska early and found out that the program was just too good to pass up," Becarovski said. "Their weight program and reputation in the offensive line is incredible, and you can't argue with the success the program is having."

Missouri's top two products have agreed to sign with Nebraska. Fullback **Daniel Alexander** (6-0, 230,



**Nebraska native John Gibson has announced his intentions to sign with NU on signing day.**

4.4) of Wentzville and offensive guard **David Webber** (6-2, 270, 4.9) of St. Louis Hazelwood have both given their oral commitments.

Alexander rushed for 1,522 yards and 18 touchdowns this past season, averaging 8.3 yards per carry. Additionally, his blocking skills are excellent. Alexander chose the Huskers over Illinois, Iowa, Notre Dame and Indiana.

"Nebraska has the prototype program in the country right now, and when they offered, it was just too good to pass up," Alexander said. "They seem to be running their fullbacks more in the offense as well, which is something I am looking forward to."

Webber played on both sides of the ball at Hazelwood, and he could be used at one of the inside tackle positions. He chose the Huskers over Illinois, Kansas State and Kansas.

In state, the Huskers have four verbal commitments thus far, including one from wide receiver **John Gibson** (6-2, 170, 4.4) of Papillion LaVista.

## EIGHT ISN'T ENOUGH

Nebraska has received commitments from eight players and more top high school athletes should agree to become Huskers before the Feb. 7 signing day.

PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	40	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
Daniel Alexander	FB	6-0	230	4.4	Wentzville, Mo.
Sasho Becarovski	OL	6-4	250	5.0	St. John (Lake Central), Ind.
J.R. Edwards	WR	6-2	180	4.5	Lincoln (Southeast), Ne
DeAngelo Evans	RB	5-9	208	4.4	Wichita (Collegiate), Kan.
John Gibson	WR	6-1	215	4.5	Papillion (LaVista), Neb.
Ross Hochstein	OL	6-4	250	5.0	Hartington (Cedar Catholic), Neb.
Willie Miller	FB	6-0	230	4.6	Bellvue (West), Neb.
David Webber	OL/DL	6-2	275	4.9	St. Louis (Hazelwood), Mo.



Gibson caught 36 passes for 836 yards this past season, and made 102 tackles on defense.

"He is the kind of player that makes things happen no matter where he lines up," said LaVista head coach Gene Suhr. "There is no question that John is a special player and a special person."

Offensive lineman **Russ Hochstein** (6-4, 245, 5.0) of Hartington Cedar Catholic, fullback **Willie Miller** (6-0, 230, 4.6) of Bellvue West and wide receiver **J.R. Edwards** (6-2, 180, 4.5) of Lincoln Southeast all have said they will stay in Nebraska.

Hochstein was a first team all-state selection and committed to the Huskers early in recruiting season.

Miller had a tremendous senior season, rushing for 1,683 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Edwards set a Nebraska Class A record with 818 yards on 54 pass receptions.

Those eight get the Huskers off to a good start, but it's the potential commitments down the road that really has the Husker coaching staff excited.

The Huskers have brought several of the top players in the country to Lincoln on recruiting visits.

Linebacker **Steve Trejo** (6-3, 230, 4.65) of Casa Grande (Ariz.) Union has already visited Nebraska. He will also visit Colorado, Stanford, UCLA and Arizona.

"I loved my visit to Nebraska, and would have to say they are my favorite right now," said Trejo. "They just seem to have everything going at Nebraska, and that program would be great to be a part of."

Running back **Mike Brown** (5-10, 195, 4.45) of Scottsdale (Ariz.) Sahauro is another player that enjoyed his visit to Lincoln. The Huskers lead USC in the chase for Brown.

Another Arizona running back, **Keith Brown** (6-0, 220, 4.5) of Phoenix (Ariz.) Mountain Point, also visited the Huskers before the holidays.

The nation's top defensive line prospect, **Eric Jefferson** (6-4, 250, 4.8) of Shreveport (La.) Evangel has

already visited Lincoln. Jefferson has been quiet about his recruiting favorites, but Florida State, Nebraska, Texas A&M and Illinois are the main contenders.

"I had a great time in Nebraska and saw first hand why they have the best program in the country," Jefferson said. "The players really seem to care about one another and the facilities are just fantastic."

**Jim Jones** (6-4, 270, 4.9) of Oak Lawn (Ill.) Richards is another top-notch defensive line prospect. Notre Dame currently leads Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Defensive tackle **Brent Mueller** (6-4, 255, 4.9) of Fairfax (Va.) Robinson is leaning towards Florida State over the Huskers, Washington, Auburn and Georgia Tech.

All-American offensive lineman **Chris Valletta** (6-4, 270, 5.0) of Plano (Texas) has already visited Nebraska. He is considering the Huskers, Oklahoma, Florida and Colorado.

**Chad Ward** (6-5, 205, 5.2) of Kennewick (Wash.) Riverview is rated as highly as Valletta. He has narrowed his choices down to Washington and Nebraska.

Inside line-backer **George Guidry** (6-3, 230, 4.55) of Lake Charles (La.) Washington Marion is leaning

Nebraska's way after visiting in mid-December. Guidry is also considering Notre Dame and Michigan.

Outside linebacker **Nate Webster** (6-0, 217, 4.5) of Miami (Fla.) Northwestern could wind up at Nebraska. He's considered the best at his position in the country. He will decide between Miami, Notre Dame, Florida, Nebraska and Ohio State.

The Husker coaching staff keeps plugging away, and they appear to be in position to add several players ranked in the top 100 in the nation. If the Husker staff can finish the recruiting season with a flourish, Nebraska might just bring in the best recruiting class in the nation. ■



**Wichita (Kan.) Collegiate running back DeAngelo Evans was the first player to orally commit to Nebraska.**

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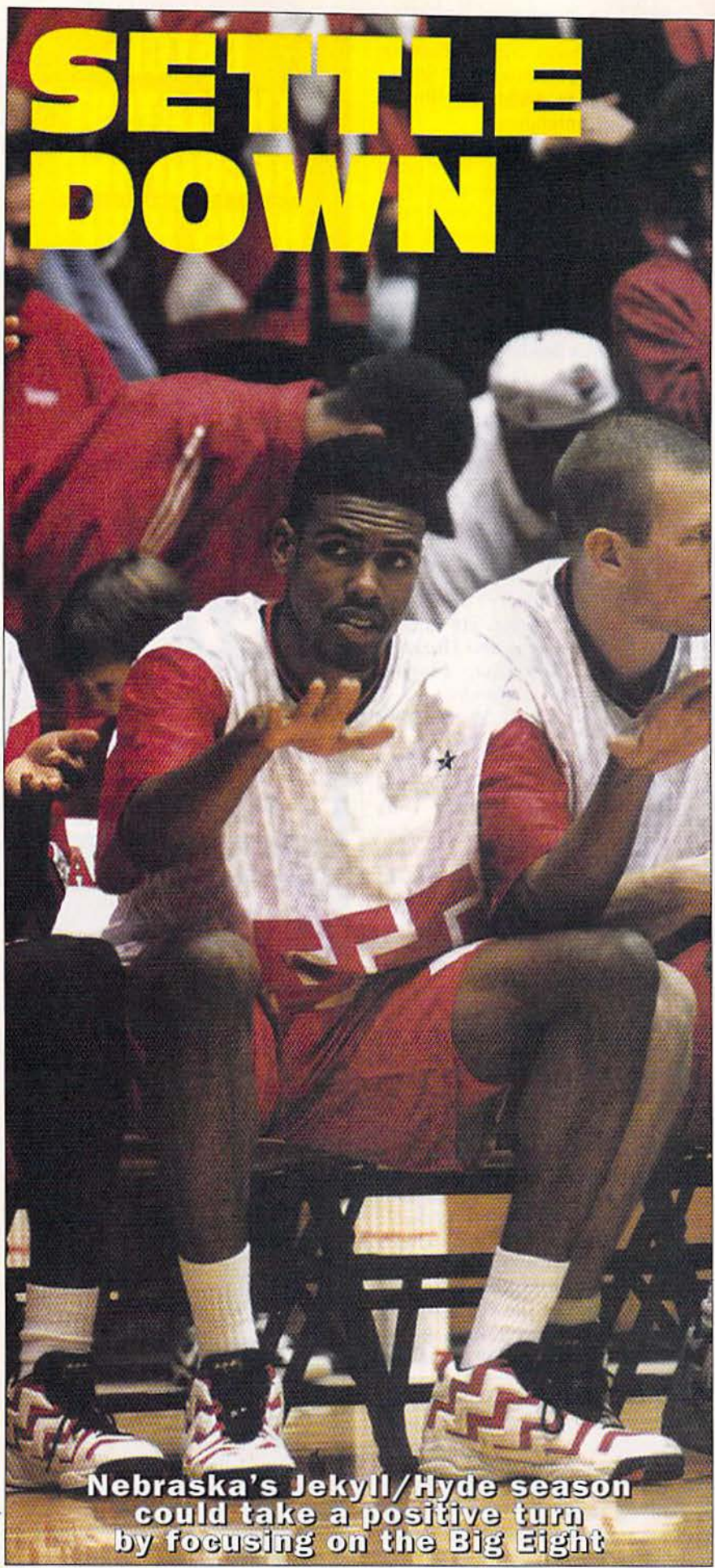
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# SETTLE DOWN



Nebraska's Jekyll/Hyde season could take a positive turn by focusing on the Big Eight

**W**here the Nebraska men's basketball team finishes in the Big Eight's final season will depend on which team shows up most often: The one that defeated

Texas, 85-69, or the one that lost to Northern Iowa, 109-104.

Based on the Cornhuskers' play during the non-conference season, Coach Danny Nee couldn't say with certainty that the former would predominate.

Nebraska's progress was agonizingly slow, Nee said after the victory against a Texas team ranked No. 23 at the time by the *Associated Press*.

With Big Eight play at hand, "this was the type of non-conference game I felt we had to have," Nee said. "The name of the game was that we played really good defense."

"Going in, I felt a key was defending the three-point shot because they (the Longhorns) shot so many of them. I was pleased how we guarded it."

Nebraska stifled the Longhorns' perimeter offense. Texas hit only 21-of-75 field goal attempts, including 2-of-17 from three-point range. That was in marked contrast to the Northern Iowa game, in which the visitors to the Devaney Sports Center made a record-setting 15-of-22 three-pointers.

Nee was befuddled by the Northern Iowa assault. "I don't know if it was because of our poor defense or what," he said. "But 68 percent, that's phenomenal."

Nebraska's frustration that night was intensified by the level of competition. Northern Iowa had been picked to finish ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference. In addition, it was playing without its No. 1 center, who was sidelined by an injury.

To make matters worse, his replacement left the game before halftime with a severe ankle sprain.

Even so, Northern Iowa out rebounded the Cornhuskers, 40-36.

Rebounding was a concern for Nebraska going into the season, and performances such as the one against Northern Iowa provided little reason to believe that the problem could be resolved by the time confer-

**HOOPS**





ence play began. Yet the Cornhuskers outrebounded a more athletic Texas team, 43-41.

They held high-scoring Reggie Freeman to 7-of-22 field goal shooting, including 0-for-7 from three-point range. Nebraska blocked nine shots, made nine steals and forced 24 turnovers.

The Huskers also committed 30 turnovers. But the bottom line was they came away with a victory against a team that a week earlier had defeated North Carolina, 74-72.

The Northern Iowa game might turn out to be the low point in Nebraska's season. The Cornhuskers recovered to play well at the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore., in late December, defeating Oregon in the first round, 99-76, then losing to 17th-ranked Mississippi State, 69-66, in the finals.

Nebraska trailed Mississippi State by 16 points before rallying to put itself in position to win. It just couldn't finish, self-destructing in the game's final seconds.

The victory against Oregon was the Cornhuskers' second this season. They also handled the Ducks in a much closer contest, the semifinals of the Big Island Invitational.

About the only thing Nebraska's play during the non-conference season indicated was that the Cornhuskers' Big Eight games weren't likely to lack suspense. Depending on how they played, they could hold their own against any conference opponent — even Kansas, the best the league has to offer.

Likewise, NU could be vulnerable in any Big Eight game, including those with Colorado, which will be hard-pressed to escape the cellar.

As the new year began, the weekly Sagarin computer rankings had Nebraska ranked second in the conference behind the Jayhawks. Kansas' national ranking according to Sagarin was 12th, a marked contrast from the national polls. The Jayhawks were ranked No. 4 in the *Associated Press* poll and No. 3 in the *CNN/USA Today* poll. The top-five rankings are a more accurate indication of Kansas' strength.

The conference race figures to be wide-open, with Nebraska having a chance to finish anywhere from second to sixth or seventh. The Cornhuskers will have to play .500 or better in the Big Eight to approach 20 victories, a significant total in the NCAA Tournament selection process. ■



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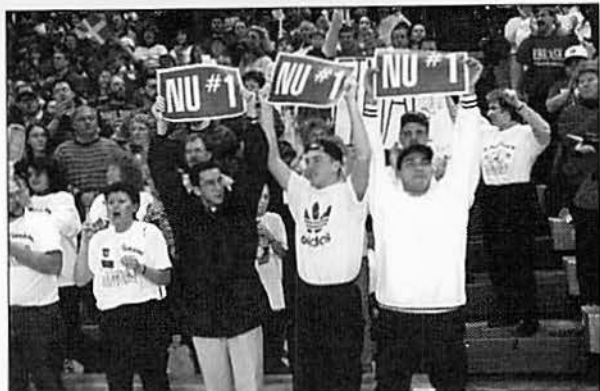
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# THIRD TIME IS A CHARM

After two unsuccessful attempts, Terry Pettit's squad gave him and the school a national title while proving the Midwest has volleyball fever

BY MARK DEROWITSCH

Heading into the championship match, Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit knew he had to put his emotions aside for one afternoon and just let his team play like it had been all season.

Was it the proper strategy to use against Texas, going for the school's first national title in the sport? It must have been, because the Huskers pounded the Longhorns 11-15, 15-2, 15-7, 16-14 in the NCAA Final Four championship match on Dec. 16 in Amherst, Mass.

The victory, which capped a 32-1 season for the Huskers, produced Nebraska's first national crown after the team had failed in its previous two trips to the title match.

Pettit said he was nervous leading up to the match.

"It's like being strapped to a rocket ship down at Cape Kennedy and they keep calling weather delays and you're wondering whether you're going to make it to the moon. Half of you is really afraid — afraid what if I don't coach well, what if we don't play well — and the other half is excited about the possibilities," said Pettit, describing his pre-game jitters.

"What you have to do is realize neither of those is going to help you get what you want."

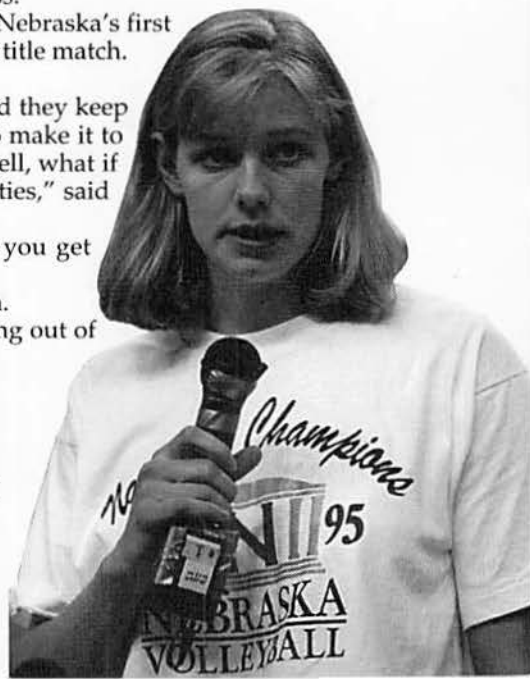
So Pettit developed a plan. It was simple, but it worked to perfection.

"As coaches, what we did a good job of is staying relaxed and staying out of the team's way and letting them get the job done," he said.

The Huskers took no time in completing their task.

Nebraska accomplished its goal thanks largely to the play of junior outside hitter Kate Crnich and senior outside hitter Billie Winsett. The outside tandem pounded down 25 kills apiece to lead the Husker attack.

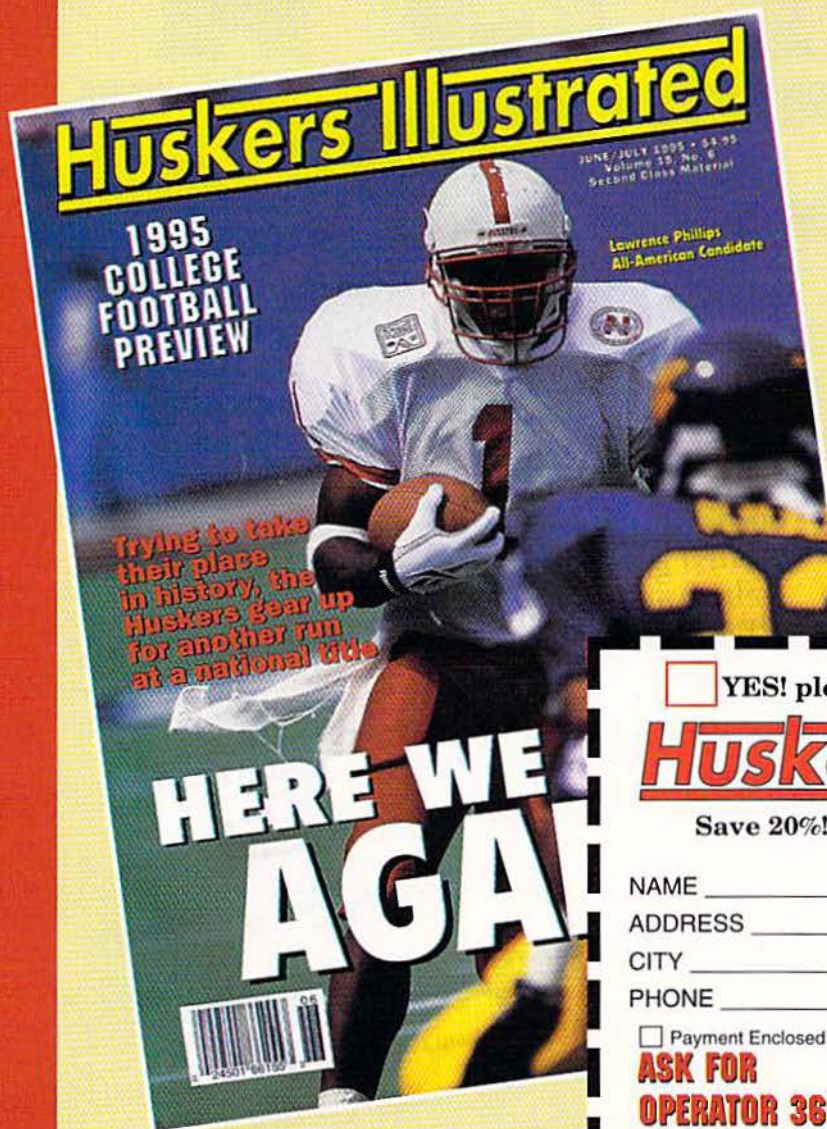
**Allison Weston capped a stellar career by sharing national Player of the Year honors.**





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While Texas made a point in holding Husker senior middle blocker Allison Weston — who shared national player of the year honors with Stanford's Cary Wendell — and sophomore outside hitter Lisa Reitsma, Crnich came through with a career day.

## volleyball record: 32-1

DATE	EVENT/OPPONENT	RESULT
<b>A25-26</b>	<b>State Farm-NACWAA Volleyball Classic#</b>	
A25	vs. Penn State	W, 3-0
A26	vs. Stanford	L, 1-3
	Field: Nebraska, Stanford, Penn State, Cal State-Northridge	
<b>S1-2</b>	<b>Pacific Invitational\$</b>	
S1	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-0
S2	vs. Pacific	W, 3-0
	Field: Nebraska, Santa Clara, Pacific, California	
<b>S8-9</b>	<b>FirstTier Challenge#</b>	
S8	vs. Purdue	W, 3-0
S9	vs. Wisconsin	W, 3-0
	Field: Nebraska, Kansas State, Wisconsin, Purdue	
<b>S15-16</b>	<b>Wyoming Invitational%</b>	
S15	vs. Gonzaga	W, 3-0
S16	vs. Georgia	W, 3-0
S16	vs. Wyoming	W, 3-0
	Field: Nebraska, Gonzaga, Georgia, Wyoming	
<b>S22-23</b>	<b>Arby's Classic#</b>	
S22	vs. Baylor	W, 3-0
S23	vs. George Washington	W, 3-0
	Field: Nebraska, Baylor, George Washington, Kansas	
<b>S27</b>	<b>@ Colorado</b>	W, 3-0
<b>S30</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O4</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O7</b>	<b>@ Iowa State</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O11</b>	<b>@ Kansas State</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O14</b>	<b>@ Missouri</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O21</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O25</b>	<b>@ Kansas</b>	W, 3-0
<b>O28</b>	<b>Iowa State</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N1</b>	<b>Kansas State</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N4</b>	<b>@ Texas</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N7</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N10</b>	<b>@ Oklahoma</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N12</b>	<b>Florida</b>	W, 3-2
<b>N15</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	W, 3-0
<b>N24-25</b>	<b>Big Eight Tournament^</b>	
N24	Oklahoma	W, 3-0
N25	Iowa State	W, 3-0
<b>N29-D16</b>	<b>NCAA Tournament</b>	
	(Central Regional)#	
N29	NCAA First Round (drew a bye)	
D2	George Mason	W, 3-0
D8	Penn State	W, 3-1
D9	UCLA	W, 3-0
	(NCAA Finals)*	
D14	Michigan State	W, 3-2
D16	Texas	W, 3-1

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Weston did have 18 kills and Reitsma added 16, but it was Crnich and Winsett who were the difference-makers.

"Kate played out of her mind," Weston said. "She was on fire. I'm glad she chose this game to be the best of her career."

Crnich is usually the fifth option in the Huskers attack. She was ready when called upon, though.

"I think Texas' plan was to be on Allison every single time," Crnich said. "Allison's an All-American. They were on Reitsma, too. That's why me and Billie were successful."

The Huskers, who rallied after dropping the first to beat Michigan State in a five-game thriller in the semifinals, again dropped the first contest to the Longhorns, who downed top-ranked Stanford in the other

semifinal.

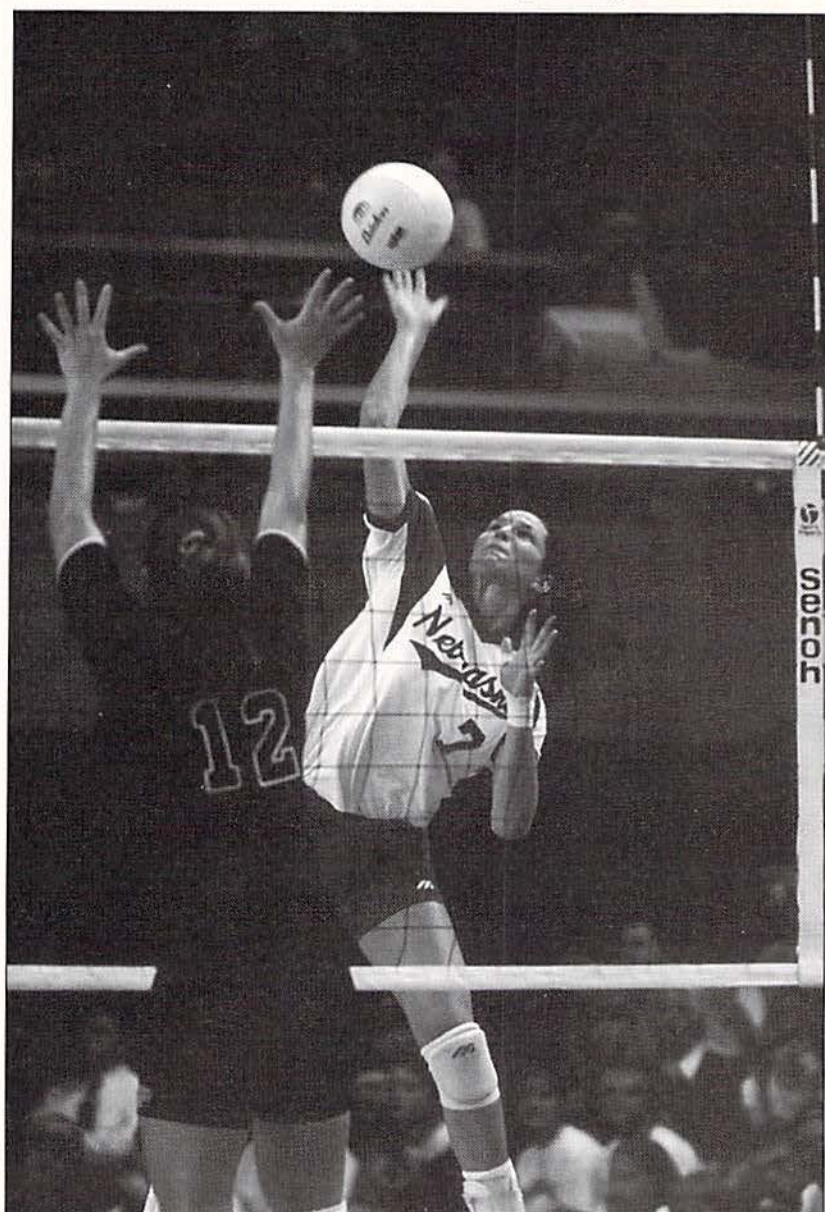
No matter. The Huskers took control with two easy victories before sealing the win with a hard-fought 16-14 victory.

Whose plan was it to use a first-game loss twice en route to the national title?

"The same guy who developed the strategy to keep the wraps on Kate Crnich and not really let her go until the championship match," Pettit said. "It took three years of bluffing on our part until we could let the world see how good she was."

Winsett came up in both games. Against Michigan State, she recorded 19 kills and 16 digs in Nebraska's victory.

**The fifth option in the Huskers' offense for most of the season, Kate Crnich had a career day in the title game against Texas.**





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Winsett, Weston and setter Christy Johnson all ended their careers against Texas. The talented trio led the Huskers to 31 consecutive wins to end the season after the team had lost to Stanford in the second match of the year.

After the early-season loss, Johnson said she was confident the Huskers would still win the national championship.

Pettit said the refuse-to-lose attitude by the seniors played a big role in the Huskers' record-setting season.

"I think the thing that impresses me the most is the courage of our seniors starting at the start of the year that we're going to win the national championship," Pettit said. "When you do something like that, you risk looking foolish."

"But I'm also aware that you don't reach goals like that unless you're willing to take those risks."

Johnson recorded 87 of the Huskers' 94 set assists in the championship match. More important, she got the ball to Crnich and Winsett when the Longhorns clogged up the middle.

"You have to have a heck of a setter and other players on the court whose egos don't get in the way," Pettit said.

The Huskers didn't get much sleep after winning the title because they were busy celebrating. The celebration continued until the next day, when about 100 fans greeted the team at the airport, and another 1,500 spectators showed up at a national championship celebration at the NU Coliseum.

Middle blocker Jen McFadden, who had 16 kills in the title match, was given charge of the national championship trophy immediately following the match.

When she stepped off the airplane, she was clutching the hardware with both hands and was grinning from ear to ear.

"Our three seniors were all doing interviews after the match so I was put in charge of the trophy," McFadden said. "I didn't like having to carry around the extra luggage today, but it was a thrill bringing this back to Lincoln."

Weston, Johnson and Reitsma earned All-America honors this season, but they had help bringing the title to Nebraska for the first time in school history.

"Talk about a team playing at its highest level at the right time," Pettit said. "That's what they did." ■

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# Pettit's Pride

*In 19 years, Terry Pettit has taken Nebraska volleyball to the top in a West Coast-oriented sport*

**By MIKE BABCOCK**

**T**erry Pettit was teaching creative writing and coaching at Louisburg, N.C., Community College when he came across an advertisement for the position of head coach of the University of Nebraska women's volleyball program.

The advertisement had been discarded in an office wastebasket. For some reason, the circular caught Pettit's attention.

That was some 20 years ago. And, to quote the poet Robert Frost, "that has made all of the difference."

Quoting a poet is appropriate in writing about Pettit, the Nebraska women's volleyball coach of 19 seasons. He's likely to quote poets, himself. In fact, after his Huskers defeated Texas to win the NCAA national championship at Amherst, Mass., in mid-December that's what he did.

During a post-match news conference, Pettit alluded to a passage from "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," a poem by Wallace Stevens: "I do not know which to prefer, / The beauty of inflections / Or the beauty of innuendoes, / The blackbird whistling / Or just after."

Pettit was attempting to express his feelings at a defining moment in his coaching career — and his life, for that matter. A reporter asked immediately afterward: "Who's Wallace Stevens?" Coaches are supposed to quote other coaches, not poets and philosophers.

Pettit is well-versed (no pun intended) on the thinking of other coaches, and not just those who coach volleyball. But he doesn't fit the stereotype, which is the reason for this seeming departure. He is as unique in his profession as he is successful. And there is a correlation between the two.

Pettit, and by extension his program, is an extraordinary resource for Nebraska. Husker volleyball does for women's athletics what

coach Tom Osborne's football program does for the university athletic department in general.

The programs almost certainly would be equal if women's intercollegiate athletics had been allowed to evolve from the turn of the century.

Suffice it to say, Pettit's coaching accomplishments are comparable to Osborne's. The difference is in perception.

Pettit has taken Nebraska to the top in a sport so West Coast-oriented that every NCAA women's championship except one other has been won by a team from California or Hawaii. Texas, which Nebraska defeated 11-15, 15-2, 15-7, 16-14, won

It was in 1989, Pettit said recently, that he realized his program had developed to the point at which it was capable of winning the national title. From then on, it would depend on circumstance as well as talent.

Pettit has achieved success largely with Midwestern athletes, although his program's reputation is such that it attracted freshman setter Fiona Nepo, the Hawaii high school Player of the Year in 1994. He has recruited athletes who have distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as on the court.

Senior Allison Weston, the American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division I co-player of the year, has a 3.72 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) in forestry, fisheries and wildlife. Senior Christy Johnson, arguably the team's most valuable player, carries a 3.79 grade-point average. Her major is education.

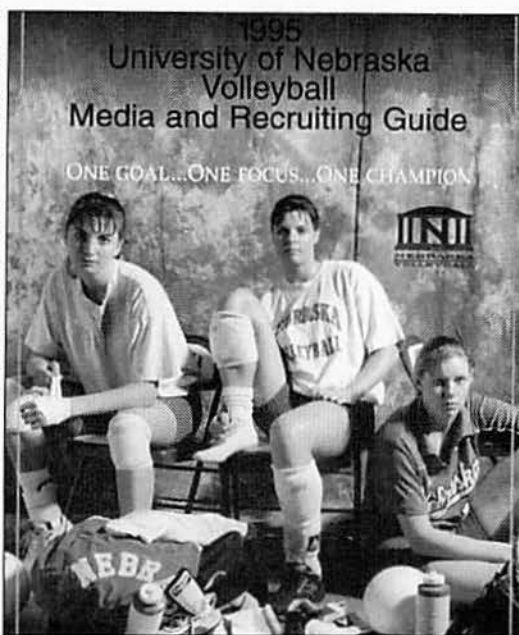
There was a time when Pettit had to break up men's pickup basketball games in the NU Coliseum in order to set up the volleyball nets for practice. The situation has changed dramatically.

Pettit, however, is the same introspective thinker and teacher he was when I first met him in 1978. He was in his second year as Nebraska's head coach, after responding to the ad he found in the wastebasket, and I was in my first year of covering Husker volleyball for the *Lincoln Journal* and *Star* newspapers.

I couldn't have predicted he would coach Nebraska to a national championship someday. But I knew if understanding and insight were worth anything, he would be successful in an absolute sense.

After the final victory in Amherst, Pettit was asked about the key to his team's success. The reporter was looking for an angle. "Sometimes, there isn't a needle in the haystack," Pettit said.

Anyone who knows him wouldn't be surprised by such an answer. ■



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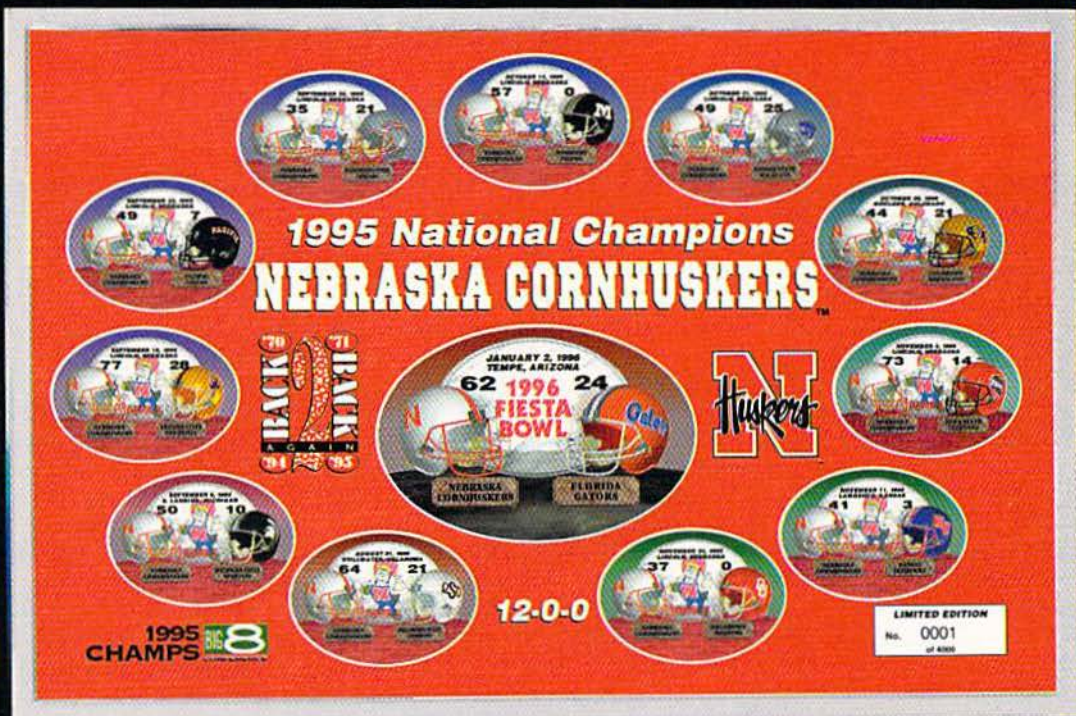
in 1988.

Pettit has coached the Huskers to 14 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, four Final Four appearances and three national championship matches. The Huskers lost the 1986 national championship match in three straight games to Pacific. And in 1989, the Huskers lost three straight to Long Beach State.



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